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CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C

1985, C. c-36, as amended

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**AFFIDAVIT OF GEORG BEINERT** 

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF GEORG BEINERT**

Sworn on July 3, 2016

I, GEORG BEINERT, of Fairview, Alberta,

### SWEAR AND SAY THAT:

- 1. I reside near Fairview, in the Province of Alberta.
- 2. As of December 31, 2014, I had District Investments Ltd. (DIL) deposits in the amount of \$118,327.71 and as of January 23, 2015 I had Church Extension Fund (CEF) deposits in the amount of \$381,228.18. Copies of statements I received for my DIL and CEF

- deposits are attached as **Exhibits "A"** and "B" respectively to this my Affidavit. These sums made up the entirety of my life savings. They include amounts that I have marked for the benefit of my children.
- 3. I rely on these, my personal savings, for my planned retirement, my family's current progress plans, and my children's educational plans. The CEF/DIL crisis has forced me to halt these plans and to 'start over again' in trying to build up the most basic savings this, at a time when I should be winding down my income pursuits and simultaneously increasing my spending for my children's future.
- 4. I have been deceived by the Lutheran Church Canada Alberta British Columbia District Directors and Officers (LCC-ABC) about the security of their Church Extension Fund and their District Investments Ltd. I have also been deceived by them about the use for which my investment dollars were solicited from me.
- 5. The LCC-ABC has been dishonest both before and during the course of the CCAA proceedings, and the development of their proposed plan of compromise is not in the best interests of all CEF depositors and DIL investors.
- 6. The Monitor has withheld pertinent information during the course of the CCAA proceedings and has not acted in a neutral manner.
- 7. Mr. Cameron Sherban, in his role as CRO and in his communication with me, used deceptive and coercive methods in the promotion of the CEF plan.
- 8. I see nothing in the plan that supports the value suggested about the NewCo shares proposed in this plan. The Monitor and the CRO have provided no information suitable to me that would support even a reasonable perception of NewCo share values.
- 9. The proposed plan is highly unfair as it returns 100% to all small investors only. My investments have been eroded by the development of this unfair plan. My investments will be further eroded, as they will be unfairly used to subsidize the 100% return to the small investors.
- 10. I, as a significant investor, am offered a pittance of a cash return and I am forced to receive shares in NewCo with no perceivable negotiable nor tangible value, and with unknown risks in return for the very hard-earned cash which I placed in supposedly conservative, secure and 'guaranteed' investments (so I was led to believe) when I invested with the LCC-ABC.
- 11. I am told that, under the plan, I will be able to vote my preference about how the shares in NewCo might bring me some value. I had value in my cash investments. This plan is unfair in that I am being forced to take on extremely high risk and speculation in exchange for my cash, leaving me with the problem created by the LCC-ABC managers' actions and inactions.

- 12. This plan is unfair in that I am prevented from choosing how I wish to seek recovery of my cash deposits and investments. My money has been withheld from me and used against me to protect the LCC-ABC and those associated with them the ones who brought on this crisis leaving me, and other investors like me, with the bulk of the burden created by this crisis.
- 13. What I have saved and deposited in CEF and DIL constitutes my 'daily bread' and the 'daily bread of my children'. My family's daily bread has been taken from me through deception. It is being consumed by professionals who have devised an unfair plan that is designed to make whole only those who have lost the least amount in this crisis.
- 14. I have been a Lutheran Christian for my entire life.
- 15. I have been a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park, Alberta since around the year 2000. I joined that congregation at a time while I was living in Edmonton. I and my immediate family have kept our membership there, as we currently live in an area where the local Lutheran churches are in a significant decline.
- 16. Whenever possible, I have participated and served in the Lutheran churches as much as I could. I have served on church councils. I have served as a church Elder. I have encouraged, supported, and also participated in direct Christian evangelism. I have taught the full course of Catechism and Confirmation Class instruction a number of times in Lutheran churches. I have led entire Lutheran Worship Services many times in the capacity of a layman.
- 17. I have two years of study in a Lutheran Bible Institute. I am well versed in Lutheran doctrine and in Biblical teachings.
- 18. I have volunteered many months of my life in the support and proclamation of the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. I have volunteered time, assisting churches in Central and South America in evangelism and Church growth efforts.
- 19. I have assisted in teaching Christian personal financial management and stewardship principles within the Lutheran church.
- 20. As much as possible, I make effort in my life to reflect the Christian values as found in Lutheran teachings and Lutheran doctrine.
- 21. I have a University degree in Agriculture and have studied business economics.
- 22. I have taught Agricultural Financial Management for two years at the college level.
- 23. In my life, I have sought to make my personal financial investment choices reflect the Christian values that I hold, using the sound financial and stewardship principles with which I have equipped myself.

- 24. Through a marketing campaign in the local church, I became aware of the Lutheran Church Canada Alberta British Columbia District Church Extension Fund and its District Investments Ltd.
- 25. In February of 2001 I inquired about LCC-ABC investment options and asked about how secure, backed, and insured they were. I was told that they were not insured investments, but was told that they were very safe and secure investments because they were backed by the entire set of assets within the LCC-ABC District. (Attached as **Exhibit "C"** to this my Affidavit are the general documents that I received from the LCC-ABC. Specific to this point is the Letter from LCC-ABC District, dated February 15, 2001.)
- 26. I asked Susan E. Bacon, who was an Administrator at the LCC-ABC district office at that time, what that meant. I asked what would happen if there was a problem where the District was not able to pay the depositors. Susan Bacon told me that this was highly unlikely, as the CEF had seen 80 years of existence, and "no one has ever lost a penny". Susan Bacon told me that in the unlikely event of a problem, the entire District of Lutheran churches was available as assets to liquidate and repay those who had made deposits with CEF or investments in DIL. Susan Bacon included, with her letter to me, a statement from the District, initialed by Ted Ulmer, to lend support to this. Specific to this point is the document entitled "SECURE INVESTMENT?" which is part of Exhibit "C". [Note: All handwriting and overstrikes are part of the document, as it was received.]
- 27. This document indicated that the CEF deposits and DIL investments were GUARANTEED by the LCC-ABC and that this guarantee was 'certain' "more certain than the guarantee of a government". This document made these claims appear legitimate by stating that a chartered accountant and a lawyer were among those who oversaw these funds. This information was conveyed to me at a time when, unknown to me, the LCC-ABC was already experiencing problems with the Prince of Peace properties.
- 28. I believed that I had done my due diligence in determining the legitimacy and reasonable security of the LCC-ABC CEF and DIL funds.
- 29. In May of 2001 I began placing my investments with LCC-ABC CEF and DIL. I continued to make more CEF and DIL (RRSP) deposits as I was able, in the years that followed.
- 30. Regular and special marketing materials (as an example and specific to this point is the advertisement entitled "7for7for7" in **Exhibit "C"**) from LCC-ABC indicated a rapidly increasing need for more deposits, citing a need that was supposedly driven by many (in this example, "at least seven") churches that were indicating their intent of "building new facilities, or upgrading existing facilities, or expanding facilities for exciting ministry opportunities, or venture into new ministry areas, such as senior housing". The investments were supposedly going to be used to "Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

- 31. All marketing materials that I received from the LCC-ABC gave the impression that Church growth was taking place and more funds were needed for exciting ministry opportunities. These marketing materials gave statements of assurance that the LCC-ABC had a well-diversified portfolio to ensure that investments were not at risk. Attached as Exhibit "D" to this my Affidavit are the CEF financial updates and advertisements that I received from LCC-ABC. Specific to this point is the 'February 2009 INVESTOR NEWS' article 'To Our Investors and Supporters'. In hindsight, I believe that the LCC-ABC's aggressive marketing practices were used predominantly to generate cash to support a failing enterprise and to maintain sufficient cash-flow to service depositor withdrawals.
- 32. In February of 2013, I sold a valuable parcel of agricultural land.
- 33. On February 8, 2013, my wife and I met with Mr. Harold Schmidt for a lunch appointment. Mr. Harold Schmidt was the realtor we had selected to help us with our real-estate negotiations. Mr. Harold Schmidt bought us lunch and gave us his time in visiting as part of his appreciation for our selecting and using him as our realtor.
- 34. Mr. Schmidt gave us two business cards. One card reflected that he was a Realtor. The other card was from his own company, which was a management consulting and real estate company. I asked him about the nature of his management consulting. Mr. Schmidt indicated that, from time to time, he had helped with the management of various large building projects. I asked for an example. Mr. Schmidt told me that, through his management consulting, he had helped move a larger building project, one that had encountered many problems, forward. He said that this project was in the Calgary area.
- 35. Because my wife and I found Mr. Harold Schmidt's real-estate business advertisement in a Christian publication, we were eager to learn of his church affiliation. In the course of conversation, Mr. Harold Schmidt indicated that he was a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in St. Albert. We were pleasantly surprised that he was member of a Lutheran Church Canada congregation. This led to further conversation about church involvements.
- 36. Mr. Harold Schmidt told us that he was a long-term member of the Board of Directors of the LCC-ABC District. I told him that I had deposits in both of the CEF and DIL funds and I was wondering what the best place would be for me to deposit the \$300,000 from the sale of the land. I was eager to know of the health of the CEF, especially knowing that I was speaking with a member of the Board of Directors.
- 37. Mr. Harold Schmidt told me that investments in CEF were "an excellent investment" and that these investments were "totally safe". My wife and I are witnesses to these words.
- 38. My wife remembers that, upon saying these words, Mr. Schmidt looked uncomfortable and excused himself from the table for a few moments.

- 39. In hindsight, I am left to conclude that Mr. Schmidt mislead us into believing that the CEF was a healthy fund. As a <u>long term</u> member of the Board of Directors, it is my belief that he knew or should have known of the problems that the CEF was encountering at and before that time. We now feel deceived by his words.
- 40. On February 19, 2013, I made phone calls to the LCC-ABC District office and spoke with Candace Rivet, to make arrangements for making a large deposit of \$300,000 into the CEF. I asked about various term options and aspects of redeeming my deposits. I was told that my deposits were accessible at any time. There was no indication given of any problems or risks with the fund.
- 41. On February 19, 2013, I prepared and sent a letter, along with a cheque in the sum of \$300,000 to the LCC-ABC District CEF, giving instructions and confirmation regarding the term deposit durations and amounts that I was making, as I was intending to make use of a significant portion of this deposit in the near-term.
- 42. In January of 2014, the last newsletter/marketing flyer that I received from the LCC-ABC had a whole article devoted to telling about the CEF 'how it worked and why it worked', giving me continued confidence and trust that the LCC-ABC's fiduciary care was active and responsible. Attached as **Exhibit "D"** to this my Affidavit are the CEF financial updates and advertisements that I received from LCC-ABC. Specific to this point is the 'January 2014 Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries Dispatch' article 'A PARTNER IN MINISTRY ... HOW AND WHY IT WORKS'.
- 43. On January 15, 2015 my wife and I learned of the LCC-ABC CEF crisis on the CBC morning news. We were in disbelief that this happened.
- 44. Knowing that Mr. Harold Schmidt was (and had been for a longer term) a member of the Board of Directors for the CEF, I phoned Mr. Schmidt to ask him what was going on. All that Mr. Schmidt would say about the situation (in a solemn voice) is that "it won't be a 100% loss", and he said that I should go to attend the investor's meeting.
- 45. I phoned the LCC-ABC district office to see if I could access my CEF funds. An answering service answered and told me that my funds were frozen. Knowing that I would be needing cash for daily living, I began considering withdrawing some of my RRSP (DIL) deposits. I asked about those deposits and was told that the DIL funds were also frozen.
- 46. On January 16, 2015 my wife and I attended the investor meetings in Grande Prairie.
- 47. These meetings were led by Mr. Jim Kentel, who introduced himself only as a business man. He was assisted by Mr. Mark Ruf, who introduced himself only as a pastor. The vast majority of questions that were asked were answered "I don't know".
- 48. When asked if it was possible to make RRSP withdrawals from the DIL, Mr. Jim Kentel replied that the DIL was not affected and the funds were 100% available.

- 49. Mr. Jim Kentel indicated that, according to discussions with Deloitte Restructuring, immediate liquidation of assets would only return about 50 cents on the dollar to CEF depositors, while restructuring could potentially return 100% to the depositors.
- 50. In hindsight, I believe that Mr. Kentel and Mr. Ruf used the suggestion of the potential of a 100% return as a lure for investors to grant time to the LCC-ABC so that they could formulate a plan, not for the benefit of the depositors, but instead, for the benefit and protection of the LCC-ABC and those associated with creating the crisis. Also, in hindsight consideration, I am concerned that Deloitte Restructuring was promoting its own interests toward its involvement in a restructuring process.
- 51. I felt totally deceived by all these words. The nature of this crisis indicated to me that this financial crisis was known to exist, but that information about any financial problems was deliberately being withheld from the depositors. The January 2014 newsletter (see Exhibit "D", newsletter dated January 2014) gave no indication of any problems. Instead, it gave an impression that all was working well.
- 52. My wife and I attended two meetings that day (the early general meeting, and the meeting for significant investors). A few days after those meetings we discovered that Mr. Kentel and Mr. Ruf were members of the Board of Directors of the CEF. In both meetings, Mr. Jim Kentel and Mr. Mark Ruf had not disclosed that they where members of the Board of Directors for the CEF, or that Mr. Kentel was the Chairman of that Board.
- 53. My wife and I feel that we were deliberately lied to at these meetings. I believe that those who were leading these meetings were deliberately hiding information from the investors. These two men should have properly introduced themselves as members of the Board of Directors. I believe that both of these men, in their capacity as members of the Board, should have and could have given better and honest answers to the many questions that were raised at the 'information' meetings.
- 54. On January 19, 2016 I made phone calls about accessing my RRSP, since Mr. Jim Kentel had told me, at the January 16th meeting, that my RRSP funds should still be accessible. I could only leave a request with the answering service to have someone from LCC-ABC District call me. It was not until February 10, 2016 that I received a phone call from Mr. Kurt Robinson, who then could only tell me that my investments in DIL were frozen and it was unknown when they would be available. I was dismayed at the lack of concern and lack of detail in his response. Mr. Kurt Robinson is the Executive Assistant of District Services with the LCC-ABC.
- 55. I started studying the CEF financial crisis details and became horrified at learning that the CEF was almost entirely sunk into a single entity that was severely in arrears on its loan payments. This was the Prince of Peace development near Calgary. These details did not match, even remotely, what the LCC-ABC District marketing materials portrayed. This convinced me that the LCC-ABC District had been deceiving its depositors for a long time.

- 56. Believing that the Monitor was Court appointed to the CCAA process to oversee it for fairness, and not trusting that the LCC-ABC would be acting in good faith, I contacted the Monitor. I indicated that I had years of original copies of LCC-ABC marketing brochures, in hand, giving evidence of what I believe to reveal deceptive information.
- 57. On March 16, 2015, in a phone call with the Monitor, Ms. Vanessa Allen indicated interest in the LCC-ABC marketing information that I had and asked me to send this information to her.
- 58. On March 18, 2015 I began gathering and preparing comments on the marketing materials that I had received from the LCC-ABC since the beginning of my investments with them.
- 59. On April 21, 2015, I completed and sent a letter to Deloitte Restructuring, providing them with all the LCC-ABC marketing materials that I had, along with my summary of pertinent information contained in them. I sent to them Exhibit "C", Exhibit "D", DIL information updates (Exhibit "E"), my cover letter and pertinent points summary (Exhibit "F"). Deloitte received this information on April 27, 2015.
- 60. I have received no reply or further communication regarding the marketing materials and summary that I sent to Deloitte Restructuring.
- 61. On July 16, 2015, I phoned Vanessa Allen at Deloitte Restructuring and requested that my package of marketing materials (originals) be returned to me. I asked if the materials had been found to be useful. Ms. Allen said that they were useful and that a copy of them had been sent to each of the lawyers. The marketing material originals were returned to me.
- 62. I have not yet seen any evidence of actions that address the inconsistencies between the LCC-ABC marketing materials and the financial realities of the CEF crisis. I am concerned that the information that I provided has been ignored and along with that the fair treatment of the CEF depositors and the DIL investors.
- 63. My review of the LCC-ABC marketing materials and the financial information in them leads me to conclude that the solicitation for more funds was, in effect, a Ponzi scheme.
- 64. On June 21, 2015, I phoned DIL committee member, Mr. Reid Glenn, to ask and learn of developments with the DIL fund recovery. He spoke of the limited amount that would be returned to the investors. I asked him what might be done to seek a greater recovery, wanting to know if law suits were being considered. He replied by using a number of unprintable and profane harsh words, ill-describing Mr. Randy Kellen, stating that Mr. Kellen was messing up the process with his class action. I was surprised to hear of such sudden and firm disrespect for those who were calling for and supporting class action litigation as part of the recovery option. I note that the class action had not been

- commenced as of June 2015 (i.e. the time of my conversation with Mr. Glenn). It was not filed until February 2016.
- 65. On January 20, 2016, I received a return telephone call from Vanessa Allen. I wanted to understand the details of Representative Action, at that time in reference to the DIL plan. Ms. Allen explained the difference between a representative action and a class action. While her explanation was sufficient, in my mind it down-played the freedom of class action litigation options. I am puzzled that she went on to say that the plan offers an optout for those people who for religious reasons did not wish to participate in a law suit. I found this as a form of suggestive persuasion, as my questions regarding opt-out were not based on a religious framework, but were based on a technical framework of opt-out deadlines and opt-out constraints, as, through reading the Monitor's information, I could not gain sufficient information about Representative Action Holdback obligations that I might encounter. Later, through my own research, I learned if I opted out of the Representative Action, I would have no other legal recourse. This was not a point that was readily apparent and easily understandable.
- 66. In early March 2016 I sought to understand the details of the 'District Plan'. I was appalled at the absence of useful information that was being provided by the Monitor regarding the financial details of the 'District Plan'.
- 67. I found it very disturbing that the 'District Plan' consisted largely of converting the cash equity that I had in the CEF to shares in a company that would be involved in a project (Prince of Peace) which had shown more than a decade of failed performance, and which had no future performance that could be reasonably gauged or substantiated.
- 68. I found it very disturbing that, under the proposed plan, all small investors (\$5,000 or less) would receive 100% of their investments, while those of us with larger investments would subsidize this 100% return, plus suffer the injustice of having the majority of our investment re-valued to an undisclosed lower value, the return of which would be forced upon us in the form of shares in NewCo.
- 69. I can not feed my family with shares.
- 70. I have no desire in receiving shares in a company which has no future business prospects, or even a business plan.
- 71. I can not pay for my children's education with shares.
- 72. A plan that gives 'all' to some, and 'little' to those who are in true need of their hard-earned and carefully gathered savings is NOT a FAIR plan.
- 73. Even my young children can see that this plan is not fair. My children are dismayed that the church has chosen to treat us in this very unfair way.

- 74. Recognizing that my desire and my participation to see that a fair and just plan would not be realized through the efforts of the LCC-ABC, the CRO and the Monitor, and feeling that justice was being lost in the courts, I chose to write a letter directly to the Court to express my position and my concern.
- 75. On March 15, 2016 I prepared and subsequently sent a letter to The Honourable Madam Justice Romaine, at Court of Queens Bench of Alberta, respectfully expressing my concerns and my requests. A copy of my letter is attached as **Exhibit "G"** to this my Affidavit.
- 76. On March 23, 2016 I had a phone conversation with CEF committee member, Mr. Tom Lademann. I was hoping to learn greater details of the 'District Plan'. Mr. Lademann was unable to offer details beyond what was published on the Deloitte website.
- 77. Mr. Tom Lademann told me that the 'District Plan' is "a stay out of jail for free plan".
- 78. Mr. Tom Lademann said that if I wanted to participate in class action litigation then I should contact Mr. Randy Kellen.
- 79. On April 17, 2016, I attended the Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church (Barrhead Congregation). Prior to my attendance, I had been in contact with the pastor of that congregation (Reinhard Dittmer) and had advised him of my concerns about the CEF plan. He told me that there would be an 80% return of deposits under the CEF plan and 0% recovery under a class action. I told him that I had studied the plan and found absolutely no information to support such numbers. He also told me that there would be a congregational meeting after the Worship Service.
- 80. On April 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday morning) during the Worship Service announcements, Pastor Dittmer stated that immediately following the Service there would be a congregational meeting to vote on two issues, one of those issues being the congregational vote on the CEF plan. After the Service, I indicated to Pastor Dittmer that I would like to attend the meeting. Pastor Dittmer said that he would see if I could do so. Just prior to the meeting, at the doors of the Sanctuary, he told me that the congregation was deferring the vote on the CEF plan to another date and that there would be no point in me attending this meeting. I chose to attend the meeting anyway. The CEF plan was discussed and voted on at this meeting. Pastor Reinhard Dittmer had lied to me.
- 81. On the morning of April 25, 2016 I received a telephone call from the CRO, Mr. Cam Sherban. Mr. Sherban initiated the phone call. He described me as being a significant investor. This made it obvious to me that he was accessing depositor records and making targeted phone calls.
- 82. Mr. Sherban was eager to discuss the 'District Plan' with me, to see if I had any questions about it. I expressed my concern about the unfairness of the plan and the great lack of information in the plan. Mr. Sherban used many words to justify his support for the plan, but was unable to add any useful information to the published plan.

- 83. In this phone conversation, Mr. Sherban told me that he, personally, gave consideration to buying NewCo shares. Mr. Sherban also told me that Mr. Scott McCorquodale had expressed to him an interest in buying NewCo shares. Mr. McCorquodale is the proposed President, CEO, and Director of NewCo. This appeared to me to be a way of suggesting that there is value in the NewCo shares. I also found these comments to be highly unprofessional and out-of-place in this conversation.
- 84. When I expressed my concern about the limitations of the nature of the Representative Action, Mr. Sherban told me that there would be no benefit in class action litigation against individuals who caused this problem. He explained to me how personal assets can be sheltered so that they would not be available in a litigation situation. Firstly, I found it interesting (even offensive) that Mr. Sherban would suggest that little or nothing could be gained through class action proceedings. Secondly, I interpreted these comments as an admission that Mr. Sherban was aware of culpability that may need to be dealt with on a personal level. Thirdly, I found it bold that Mr. Sherban would describe to me that there are ways that people can protect their assets in litigation. Fourthly, I found it curious that Mr. Sherban's understanding of this topic of sheltering assets was so significant. I was left to wonder what the real purpose of the CRO is in this case. Mr. Sherban asked me if I would sue the Lutheran Church Canada. I was surprised that he asked me this question as I did not lead this question. I found it curious that Mr. Sherban's concern and focus appeared to be one of protecting individuals and the Lutheran Church Canada from litigation.
- 85. Mr. Sherban did not ask me how these losses affected me personally. He made no inquiries about my family or my living situation. At one point during the conversation he told me "I don't care what the next person (in the pew) thinks". His words caused me to believe that he was focused on protecting the LCC-ABC District and its Directors and Officers rather than building a plan that is fair to the depositors and investors.
- 86. I know that Mr. Sherban knew that he had not convinced me to vote in favour of the plan. After two hours of this telephone conversation, Mr. Sherban excused himself. Before he left the phone call, Mr. Sherban asked me not to vote until he could speak with me again and that he would phone me again in a few days.
- 87. It was clear to me that the CRO's intentions were to coerce or otherwise lure me into voting in favour of the plan.
- 88. I attended the information meeting hosted by Deloitte at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park on the evening of April 25, 2016. It was basically a recitation in support and defense of the plan. Vanessa Allen was unable or unwilling to provide greater details than what was already published in the written plan, even though requests for greater detail were reasonable and appropriate. She also spoke of the plan in a manner that gave the impression that approval of the plan was already a done deal.

- 89. In the days leading up to the May 14, 2016 vote date, the Monitor began to publish additional information to the plan. This additional information included those costs that were missing from the NewCo operational expenses (i.e. the Monitor's April 7th letter), and also the revelation and pertinent details of the Master Site Development Plan (the Monitor's April 29th letter). I did not receive the April 29, 2016 letter until May 12, 2016. It was postmarked May 3, 2016. My vote had already been sent in by this time so that it could arrive before the deadline. I know that many people voted by submitting their election letters at the information meetings held before April 29th. Such people would most likely have been completely unaware of the very vital details that were so late in forthcoming.
- 90. This trickling of information, made available only at the last moment, when this very significant information was suitably in-hand at a good time, is not fair to the investors.
- 91. I believe that the 'District Plan' continues to lack vital information and that it is exceedingly unfair.
- 92. I make this Affidavit in opposition to the Application for an Order approving the LCC-ABC District Plan of Compromise and Arrangement.

SWORN BEFORE ME at Fairview, Alberta, this 3 1/2 day of July, 2016.	) ) )
(Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta)	} } } } !
Allan A. Garber Barrister and Solicitor	Georg Beinert ) ) )

### Exhibit "A"



### "Building HIS church, together."

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Allan A. Garber Barrister and Solicitor

This is Exhibit \*

February 27, 2015

**GEORG BEINERT BOX 1614** FAIRVIEW, AB, TOH1LO

Portfolio Number:

Account Type:

605310775

Registered Ret. Savings Plan

ABC District Investments Lad. Account Summary

**Estimated Book Value** as of December 31, 2014

**Estimated Write Down Balance** as of January 23, 2015

\$ 118,327.71

\$ 89,971.50

On January 23, 2015, the Lutheran Church – Canada, the Alberta – British Columbia District Investments Limited ("DIL") obtained an Initial Order under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act with the intention of presenting a plan of arrangement to its creditors and restructuring its affairs The values on this statement indicate the book value of your claim prior to and after a write down of 24% in its face value (as further described in the Notice to holders of RRIFs issued on February 2, 2015). Through issuing this statement, DIL does not represent or warrant the amount that will ultimately be payable to you pursuant to any plan of arrangement.

We recognize that the statement provided above may not provide you with the detail that you are accustomed to receiving regarding your RRSP/LIRA/RR:F/LIF/TFSA account(s). If you wish to receive a detailed statement of your account(s) for January 1 – December 31, 2014, please call 780-474-0063 ext. 0 or email cef@lccabc.ca.

### Exhibit "B"



ALBERTA I BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT

February 27, 2015

**GEORG BEINERT** BOX 1614 FAIRVIEW, AB, TOH 1LO "Building HIS church, together.

This is Exhibit \* B \* referred to in the

day Sworn before me this

in and for the Province of Alberta.

Allan A. Garber Barrister and Solicitor

**Church Extension Fund Account Summary** as of January 23, 2015

Total Book Value of all Accounts (Savings and / or Terms)

in terest thru January 23, 2015

**Combined Balance** 

\$372,837.66

\$8,390.52

\$381,228.18

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### Exhibit "C"

Investments Itd.

A Notary Public, A Commissioner for Oraths

Affidavit of

Gleor Beinert

Sworn before me this 3 day

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Allan A. Garber Barrister and Solicitor

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February 15, 2001

Mr.George Beinert 9723 67th Avenue Edmonton, AB T6E 0P1

Dear George:

Thank you for your phone inquiry today pertaining to your interest in ABC District Investments. As explained during our phone discussion, ABC District Investments is exempt from Canada Deposit Insurance; however, ABC District does have over \$3 million in equity, and in essence the full faith and credit of the Lutheran Church Canada, ABC District, provides assurance for our investments.

Enclosed is an RRSP application and information sheet which you will need to fill out as indicated, should you decide to open an ABC District investment account. The witness on the RRSP application must be a person other than the beneficiary. Please return the RRSP application forms to us as we need these in order to register you under ABC District Investments with Revenue Canada.

In addition, enclosed are three T2033(E) forms for direct transfer of your existing RRSP investments to ABC District Investments. The forms need to be completed with your individual information and your current RRSP account information, and then forwarded to your financial institution for processing.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of the investment portfolio for ABC District Investments for the period ending December 31, 2000. As you will note, the average annualized yield for the past 12 months was 7.243%, with a 1% management expense ratio, resulting in an average net yield of 6.243%. In addition to the purchase of government bonds, the funds have been invested in capital improvement loans to 12 congregations within our District. As is readily evident, ABC District Investments is a double blessing - to you in planning for your retirement future, and to District congregations to assist with their mission of spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

Thank you for considering ABC District Investments. You are an important part of District's ministry to help congregations share the message of God's love.

Joyously serving our Lord,

Susan E. Bacon Administrator

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### SECURE INVESTMENT?

In today's financial marketplace everyone is concerned about security and safety of investments. I believe that Church Extension is one of the safest investments you can make. I say this confidently for the following reasons:

- 1. Your investment in CEF is an investment in the ministry of the congregations of the ABC District. This is the Lord's ministry (II Corinthians 4:1), the God who is the creator and provider of all.
- 2. Church Extension has been operating for almost 70 years and no one has ever lost a penny in Church Extension.
- 3. Your investment in Church Extension is guaranteed by the ABC District of Lutheran Church Canada which has in excess of 20 million dollars of assets.
- 4. The guarantee of the church is much more certain than the guarantee of a government whose indebtedness is among the 30 countries in our world with the highest debt ratio per capita.
- 5. Church Extension investments are used to provide loans to congregations. No congregation has ever defaulted on its loan. If a congregation is struggling to make its payments, the ABC District works with it to ensure that the loan is paid off.
- 6. The Department of Stewardship and Financial Services, which is responsible for the Church Extension ministry, ensures that Church Extension operates in a fashion that provides the highest degree of protection for the investors' dollars. The members of this Department include a chartered accountant and a lawyer.
- 7. Church Extension keeps a minimum of 10% of total investments on reserve in order to ensure that it is able to honour all withdrawal requests.

### HELP SECURE THE FUTURE

We ask that you consider an investment in the future - the future ministry of congregations in the ABC District and the future of those people who do not know Christ as their Savior and whose lives can be touched by the ministry of our congregations.

Church Extension rates presently are higher than most financial institutions and this is just a bonus for you as you invest in the Lord's work. Consider these investment opportunities:

Savings Accounts - 4.% (minimum \$10.00)

1 Year Term - 6,5% (minimum \$500.00) 200.00

3 Year Term - 7.0% (minimum \$500,00)

5 Year Term - 7.5% (minimum \$500.00)

Pre-Authorized Automatic Deposits Available For Your Convenience.

Ted W. Ulmer

This article is written in response to some questions that have arisen as the result of misinformation about the security of Church Extension investments.



### Lutheran Church - Canada, ABC District Investments Investment Portfolio

Printed on the reverse side of this letter is the Investment Portfolio for ABC District Investments as of December 31, 2000. Investments within ABC District Investment Group RRSP/RRIF Fund (the "ABC District Investments") have been utilized as blessings to provide loans totalling over \$2 million to District congregations and other institutions of ministry for capital projects, some of which include the following:

A loan to Redeemer, High Prairie, enabled the congregation to purchase a strip shopping mall. After renovating one of the bay areas, the congregation now worships in its new facility and receives rent from the other mall tenants to cover its mortgage payments.

Bethlehem, Edmonton, built its new facility with loan proceeds to provide much needed space for its congregational programs and community outreach, including the Boar's Head dinner and festival.

A loan to *Peace*, *Spruce Grove*, complemented their fund-raising campaign for renovations to the church and parsonage, providing more attractive and pleasant surroundings to congregate and worship.

As indicated in the Investment Portfolio, ABC District Investments now total over \$2.7 million. The average annualized yield for the past 12 months was 7.243%, with a 1% management expense ratio, resulting in an average net yield of 6.243%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Your investments and your prayers are so important to the ABC District ministry. Please feel free to contact us, or refer any other interested individual, to ABC District Investments, 7100 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton, Alberta T5B 4E4; phone toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or email finances@lccabc.ab.ca.

Ted W. Ulmer Executive Assistant

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### **ABC District Investments RRSP Disclosure**

### An RRSP That Gives You A Three-way Return On Your Investment!

Lutheran Church - Canada, The Alberta - British Columbia District Investments Ltd. ("ABC District Investments") offers members of LCC congregations in the ABC District the unique opportunity to receive a three-way return on RRSP investments through its Group RRSP Plan. This plan will give you a reasonable return on your investment enabling it to grow for your retirement benefit. At the same time it will give you the joy and satisfaction of knowing that your funds are being used in our Lord's work throughout the District. In addition, your RRSP investment will be reducing the amount of Income Tax you pay so that you will have more present and future funds available for your use.

### Plan Reserves and Surpluses

ABC District Investments acting as agent of the annuitant (investor) will use these funds primarily to provide mortgage loans to congregations, entities and agencies of Lutheran Church - Canada. Funds that are not required immediately will be invested in RRSP qualified investments. ABC District Investments will be holding approximately 10% of the Plan in liquid investments for withdrawals.

### **Trustee**

National Trust Company is the Trustee of ABC District Investments Group RRSP. ABC District Investments, acting as agent of the Trustee will utilize the funds in the Plan to carry out its objectives for ministry with the approval of the Trustee.

### **Investment Terms**

A group RRSP investment is not locked in for any specific term. However, for the optimum performance of the Plan in generating a good return and providing mortgage loans, the assurance of longer term use of the funds is essential. To encourage longer term investments and provide the necessary stability to the Plan, RRSP investments will be assessed a withdrawal fee which will be reduced each year that the funds remain in the ABC District Investments Group RRSP. After six years there will be no withdrawal fee assessed on funds that are withdrawn.

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Withdrawal or transfer during:
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Year 1 - 3.0% Year 2 - 2.5% Year 3 - 2.0% Year 4 - 1.5% Year 5 - 1.0% Year 6 - .5%

Management Expense Ratio = 1 to 1.5%

No withdrawal fees are assessed on funds transferred to the ABC District Investments Retirement Income Fund.

### **Investment Earnings**

RRSP funds invested by individual participants in the Plan will earn a rate of interest equal to the earnings of the Plan less the management expense ratio which is the cost of administering the fund.

The average earnings of the Group RRSP in 2000 was 7.243% less the management expense ratio of 1.0% Therefore, the investors in the Group RRSP and RRIF earned a net return of 6.243%. We expect the management expense ratio to remain the same for the year 2001 and commit to achieving the highest net earnings which is feasible for our investors.

### How to Participate

Individuals wishing to make an RRSP investment should contact the ABC District Office or their congregational Financial Ministries or Church Extension representative for a membership application form. The membership application form includes the "Declaration of Trust". It is the responsibility of the participant to carefully read the "Declaration of Trust" before signing the membership application form.

### **New RRSP Investments**

Signed application forms together with a cheque made out to "ABC District Investments" should be sent to the ABC District office. If you wish to make monthly deposits by means of the preauthorized payment plan, simply send your signed membership application form together with a signed preauthorized payment application form and a VOID cheque for the account from which withdrawals are to be made.

Income Tax receipts will be sent at the end of the calendar year for months March through December 31 and again at the end of February for the months of January and February of each year.

### Transfers of RRSP Investments

Individuals wishing to transfer existing RRSP investments from another institution will need to complete the proper transfer forms available from the financial institution holding the investment or from the ABC District Office.

No income tax receipts are issued on these transferred funds since they have already been receipted by another institution.

### Reporting

Participants in the Group RRSP will receive semi-annual statements (after June 30 and December 31 month end) which indicate the amount of accrued and compounded interest that their investment has earned to date. They will also receive a listing of the various mortgage loans and other investments that have been made by the Plan, together with the current market value of these investments.

### **Investor Responsibility**

Each investor in the ABC District Group RRSP program is totally responsible for ensuring that their investments are within the maximum RRSP participation levels established by Revenue Canada. Each investor is also responsible for transferring the RRSP funds into an RRIF or other payout instruments prior to December 31 of the calendar year in which he or she attains the age of 69.

# CONDITIONS OF INVESTMENT

- 1. If the Investor withdraws his/her "7 FOR 7 FOR 7" investment prior to June 30, 2002, the CEF savings rate of interest (3%) shall be applied to the investment upon withdrawal.
- The rate of 7% interest shall be calculated at an annualized percentage rate (APR).
- 3. Any deposits in the amount of \$25,000 or greater will receive an additional 0.25% interest after July 1, 2002.
- 4. The Investor(s) confirm(s) that the information set forth in this Agreement is true and correct.
- The Investor(s) agree(s) to notify the Church Extension office of any address change.
- 6. Church Extension Fund will pay to the investor(s) in lawful money of Canada, the principal sum of this investment plus interest according to the terms stated in the investment agreement.



- 7. Investment withdrawals before date of maturity are permitted, provided a notice of 15 days is given. Interest and applicable penalties on money withdrawn will be applied as per terms stated in the investment agreement.
- investor(s) with a cheque issued by Lutheran Church Canada, the Alberta British Columbia District. Payments to joint owners with right of survivorship will be made upon the request by either owner and be considered as valid discharge of any trust in respect of the deposit.
- 9. Church Extension will use the principal sum of investments to provide assistance in the mission and ministry of congregations and agencies of Lutheran Church Canada. This will be done through loans to LCC entities and enhancing the fund balance through careful reinvestment of surplus funds. All income, profit/loss belongs to the Church Extension Fund.
- 10. Investments become effective on the date of receipt in the Church Extension office.

### ANNOUNCING





For a limited period of time, Church Extension Fund is offering a new investment opportunity:

·7% (APR)\* Rate of Interest

•7 Months

·7 Benefitted Congregations

Available for purchase:
Only during the months of
October and November, 2001

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### St. John's, Summerland

With an emphasis of securing the present and investing for the future, St. John's initiates a campaign to improve its 25-year-old facilities. Plans include expanding the church narthex, major repairs to roofing and insulation, and upgrading heating, lighting and sound systems. By accomplishing these improvements, St. John's reaches out in God's grace and joy to their community.

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, and his love is eternal." Ps. 118:1

### V N.W. Calgary Mission

In this rapidly growing residential area of Calgary, joyful consideration is being given to ways to best utilize a District site for new mission outreach. Current plans include new church and school facilities. The congregation of Foothills Lutheran Church, Calgary, is engaged in this multi-site ministry, as well as exploring the potential for senior housing.

"Let all who worship him say, 'His love is eternal." Ps. 118:4

### Grace, Osoyoos

Having purchased four acres to expand their school and provide adequate recreational area, Grace Lutheran is anxiously awaiting commencement of its project, upon re-zoning of their land from the ALR. Having reached the limitations of their current facilities, the project is critical to achieving their mission of providing Christian education, as well as to witness to parents and residents in the surrounding communities.

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## FEATURED CONGREGATIONS

### T Holy Cross, Kimberley

A vacant lot and residence next to the current worship facility of Holy Cross provides exciting mission possibilities for the potential development of a youth hostel. In addition, if Holy Cross is able to acquire the adjacent property, adequate parking would be provided for their current and future worship and mission activities. Holy Cross is part of an area mission known as "East Kootenay parish" which includes Mount Zion-Cranbrook, Trinity-Fernie, Immanuel-Elkford, with St. Peter's Lutheran Mission-Windermere Valley (Invermere).

"Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the Lord!"

Ps. 118:19

### First Lutheran, Kelowna

First Lutheran Church is richly blessed with an expanding school program and enthusiastic congregation members. For the past year, a special committee has been evaluating properties upon which to build a new worship and ministry center. Their current school program includes use of their parish hall, along with a few portable buildings. Without a separate playground on their existing property, their parish hall also serves as a gym. The congregation would like to commence their new building project by summer of 2002.

"This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!"
Ps. 118:24

### Ting In

### Immanuel, Lethbridge

To more adequately serve their congregation members and to reach out in growing areas of the community, Immanuel Lutheran Church is exploring the desirability of re-locating and building new multi-functional facilities. Of particular interest is expansion of their children's ministry, with before and after school care. The site under consideration is in a rapidly growing area of the city, in close proximity to young families; the exciting potential of property acquisition may be realized yet this calendar year.

"May God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God; he has been good to us." Ps. 118: 26-27a

### Our Saviour, Parksville

A feasibility study has been commenced by Our Saviour to determine the potential for senior housing construction on their church property. Having purchased a funeral home in 1977 and converted the building into worship facilities, the congregation has additional property upon which to expand its ministry and mission activities. In addition, the congregation is also blessing those in remote villages on the islands off Vancouver Island coast with their Boat Ministry.

"You are my God, and I give you thanks; I will proclaim your greatness." Ps. 118:28

### The Joys of Investing in Church Extension

- ★ No deposit or withdrawal fees
- ★ Easy access to funds: by telephone, email, mail or in person
- \* Convenient deposit
  - automatic deposit available
  - low minimum investment amount
  - local congregation representative assistance
- ★ Efficient management of funds, with minimal operating costs
- ★ Safe and secure, with financial backing of LCC, Alberta-British Columbia
  District
- Reduced loan rates to local congregation
- Advancing the Kingdom of God with low interest loans to District congregations
- ★ Joy of participating in Gospel outreach

### Contact:

Your local congregational CEF Representative OR

Church Extension Office, 7100 Ada Blvd. Edmonton, AB T5X 4E8

Toll free: 1-888-474-0063 Email: finances@lccabc.ca

### 7 Congregations

within Alberta-British Columbia District will benefit from these new investments.

Actually, more than 7 congregations will be blessed by your investments.

But at least 7 congregations have indicated their intent, at this time, to . . .

- build new facilities, or
- · upgrade existing facilities, or
- expand facilities for exciting ministry opportunities, or
- venture into new ministry areas, such as senior housing.

Why is Church Extension offering this attractive rate of interest?

- 1) Quite simply, your investments are needed within ABC District to to meet the multitude of mission opportunities.
  - 2) We are currently aware of a minimum of 7 projects which, by current projections, will involve over \$10.5 million to complete.
  - 3) We want more people to experience the joy of participating in this exciting ministry and to learnshow God is using Church Extension investments to help share the Gospel of Jesus Ghrist.

### answers to your questions...



### "What Rate Of Interest Will I Receive On My Investment?"

Church Extension tries very hard to be competitive with the commercial financial market; often CEF rates are slightly higher. Check your church bulletin board for current rates, or contact your CEF representative. Current rates can also be obtained by calling the District office info line:

1-888-474-0063

### "What Happens if interest Rates Change After i Make An Investment?"

Savings account rates are adjusted automatically when new rates become effective. Term investment rates are guaranteed for the full term of the investment and will not change until the investment matures.

### "is My investment Safe?"

Your investment in Church Extension is probably safer than in any commercial financial institution. Church Extension has been in operation in the ABC District since 1921 and no one has ever lost a penny. Your investment is guaranteed by the Church.

### "is My investment Locked in For The Selected Term?"

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No, your investment in CEF can be withdrawn at any time. Savings Account withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty. Term deposits withdrawn before maturity will be subject to an interest reduction to the nearest completed term on that portion being withdrawn.

### "How Do I Make A Withdrawai?"

Simply send a signed request to the ABC District Office, or make your request by phone. As confirmation, a telephone withdrawal will be sent, with your cheque, for you to sign and return.

### "When is interest Paid On My investment?"

You may choose to have your interest compounded or paid to you...

Savings Accounts: on June 30 and December

31 of each year.

90 days, 180 days,

or 1 Year Term:

on the maturity date.

2, 3, 4 or 5 Yr. Term: annually and at maturity.

### "Can i Have My Interest Paid To Me Monthly?"

If you require monthly income, the interest can be paid monthly on investments of \$25,000.00 or more, but the annual interest rate will be reduced by 1/4%. There will be no interest rate reduction if the principal amount exceeds \$100,000.00.

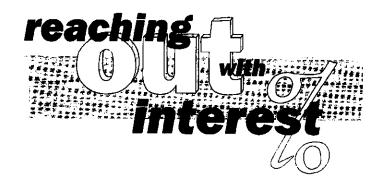
### "Can I Gift One Or More Of My Investments To Church Extension?"

Gifts may be made directly to the Church Extension Ministry at any time. You may make an outright gift, convert one or more of your investments and if you choose, stipulate in your will that an investment or portion of your investment be gifted to Church Extension.

### "How Do I Make Out My Cheque?"

Please make your cheque payable to:

"ABC District Church Extension"







### ...to the Church

- Assists Congregations in the ABC District with loans.
- Opens doors of opportunity to share the love of Jesus with more people more effectively because of new and renovated facilities.
- Assists "New Start" congregations with a special rate of interest to help them grow in their early years.
- Helps the College, Seminary, schools and agencies when funds permit.

### ...to You

- Offers very competitive rates.
  - Gives a good rate of interest on your investment.
- Makes investing easy...Just fill out the application in this brochure...Pre-authorized chequing plan available for easy deposit.
- Allows access to investments Term investments are not locked in.
- Gives a spiritual blessing knowing that while your money is invested it is used to serve God and your fellowman.
- Provides personal service with a smile.



"Have you considered a guaranteed financial investment that will give you an excellent financial return and at the same time help in the development of mission congregations and assist established congregations improve and expand facilities for ministry?"

An investment in Church Extension is a wise investment and is excellent stewardship of God's financial gifts to

### CEF Investment program

### Savings Account

interest calculated monthly; compounded semi-annually.

### Term Investments: 90 days, 180 days, and 1 year

interest calculated monthly; compounded at maturity.

### Term Investments: 2 yr, 3 yr, 4 yr, and 5 yr

interest calculated monthly; compounded annual and at maturity.

\*term investments of \$25,000 or more receive a 1/4% interest bonus, for terms of 3, 4 or 5 years.

### CHURCH EXTENSION

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December 5, 2001

Georg and Gayle Beinert 9723 – 67 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6E 0P1

Dear Georg and Gayle:

As a new Church Extension Fund investor, with your recent **7 FOR 7 FOR 7** investment – welcome to this unique investment opportunity and ministry!

In 2001-2002 Church Extension celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of assisting congregations within our District to fulfill Christ's great commission of making disciples of all nations. Church Extension has received a multitude of blessings from our Lord:

- Over 3400 individual investors are blessed today by their active investments with Church Extension.
- Total assets of Church Extension have grown from \$19.87 million in 1995 to over \$33.16 million in 2000.
- Operating expenses remain steady over the past 5 years at approximately 1.0% of total assets.
- The average net growth for the past five years totals \$2.7 million annually.
- Over 90% of the congregations within Alberta British Columbia District have benefited from CEF loans at some time during the past 80 years.

The Lord has set quite a challenge before us: we are currently aware of potential projects which congregations are planning to commence in the near future which, by our best projections, may involve over \$10.5 million. Only with devoted investors such as yourself will these projects be possible.

Enclosed for your review is the 2000 Annual Report for Church Extension. We continue "Celebrating God's Grace" in welcoming you to the Church Extension investment family. Please contact us – by mail, toll free phone 1-888-474-0063, or email <a href="mailto:finances@lccabc.ca">finances@lccabc.ca</a> -- if you have any questions relating to Church Extension.

Joy and peace, in Christ our Lord,

&usan E.∕Bacon Administrator

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Eighty Years of "Making a Difference . . . Celebrating God's Grace"

June 25, 2001

### Dear CEF Investor:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the 2000 Annual Report of Church Extension, Alberta-British Columbia District. This is an important year as CEF celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, "Making a Difference... Celebrating God's Grace". God has richly blessed the vision of our District forefathers from its beginning as the "Kirchbaukommission" (Church building commission) in 1921.

The mission of Church Extension has consistently been "to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission". This is evidenced by the first loan of \$800 to St. John's, Trochu, AB in 1924, as well as the loans today which range from \$1,000 to \$1.3 million. In 2000 alone, new loan draws totaled over \$7.5 million The 2000 projects are featured in this Annual Report.

These loans are made possible, through the Grace of God, by investments such as yours. In 1935 CEF investments totaled slightly over \$11,000. Today, CEF investments total over \$30 million! The increase in investments during 2000 totaled nearly \$3 million. All praise be to God!

Church Extension conscientiously strives to remain competitive with the commercial bank market, and the financial world in which we operate. For that reason, a new Rate Schedule will be implemented in August, 2001. During the month of July, 2001, however, the interest rates will remain at the current higher percentages. The month of July provides an excellent opportunity to benefit with new investments at the higher rates.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns relating to your CEF investment. We greatly appreciate your support and participation in the mission of ABC District Church Extension!

May our Lord continue to richly bless, guide and protect you.

In His Service.

Ted W. Ulmer Executive Assistant District Services

### making a difference...



"The mission of Church Extension is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church - Canada, the Alberta - British Columbia District."



### **Annual Report 2000**

Church Extension Alberta - British Columbia District, Lutheran Church - Canada



### Celebrating God's Grace

We celebrate the focus of CEF: to make a difference in the lives and ministries of people today and of future generations.

CEF is making a difference... in things eternal for all ages.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

### 80 years of "making a difference"

In his letter to the Romans, Paul celebrates the riches of God. At the same time, he ponders questions about the future of the church. Just as Paul combined celebration with planning, Church Extension also celebrates God's riches, while we ponder and pray about the future of Church Extension's ministry.

The theme of Church Extension is "making a difference". How can Church Extension make a difference in the lives of our investors? In the ministry of our congregations? In Lutheran Church – Canada? In the Alberta-British Columbia District? In our world?

Such questions have led the leaders and administrators of ABC District Church Extension to make various changes in the ministry of Church Extension over the past 80 years. The mission and focus, however, have never changed: to assist congregations and individuals in fulfilling Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations.

We are privileged, on this 80th anniversary, to celebrate God's blessings upon Church Extension. Over the past 80 years, over 90% of the congregations in the Alberta – British Columbia District have benefited from Church Extension loans.

In addition, we celebrate the fact that approximately 3000 individuals are currently being blessed by their involvement in Church Extension. They are receiving a good financial return on their investment and they are making a difference in the ministry of the congregations and agencies of our church.

Although we celebrate this exciting time, we also recognize this is a challenging time for our church and for Church Extension. We have only scratched the surface in utilizing the resources that God has given to His people. This is our opportunity to make a difference!

"For all things were created by Him, and all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever!" (Romans 11:36)

### Guiding Principles of Church Extension:

- Assist congregations in defining their mission and proclaiming their ministry
- Provide resources for capital projects
- Encourage faithful stewardship of God's gifts by members of LCC congregations
- Provide investment opportunities that enable investors to support the ministry of the Gospel
- Encourage good habits of financial management by providing various investment opportunities
- · Strive to meet the investment needs of investors of any age
- · Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in its service to the Church
- · Apply sound management principles

### 2000 Projects

Church Extension disbursed loans to eleven projects during the year 2000. Most of these loans were approved in 1999, but were disbursed in 2000.

**Prince of Peace Village, Calgary, AB** – Unit sales and occupancy at the Prince of Peace Village escalated in 2000. Forty-eight units were occupied at the end of the year. A flurry of construction was required to meet the ongoing housing demands at the Village.

**St. Matthew, Calgary, AB** – To complete the renovations to an Alberta Heritage building.

**Saviour, Delta** – To enable the congregation to consolidate its indebtedness and in so doing expand its ministry.

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"How great are God's riches! How deep are His wisdom and knowledge! Who can explain His decisions? Who can explain His ways?"
(Romans 11:33)

Our Goals and Objectives

Involve more members of Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District in the Church Extension ministry;

Broaden the investment services to individuals and congregations; and

Expand the services and ministry to congregations and entities of Lutheran Church-Canada.



### Celebrating God's Grace

St. Peter's, Leduc, AB – For expansion of the narthex area and the installation of an elevator as part of their 100th anniversary project in 2000.

**Zion Lutheran School, Prince George, BC** – A zero interest loan for Lutheran School start-up costs.

Immanuel, Rocky Mountain House, AB – For renovations and improvements to church facilities.

**Bethel, Sherwood Park, AB** – For construction of Bethel's new worship and ministry facilities. The process began in the fall of 1999 and was completed in 2000. The congregation dedicated its new facility on May 28, 2000.

**Peace, Spruce Grove, AB** – For renovations and repairs to their church facility

Faith, Surrey, BC – To complete the construction of a major addition to their ministry facilities to accommodate the requirements of the growing ministries of Faith Lutheran Church. The diversity of Faith includes: English speaking, Korean speaking, Chinese speaking and Spanish speaking people.

Shepherd's Village Ministries, Valleyview, AB – To complete the construction of Shepherd's Village Ministries in Valleyview. The grand opening took place on October 13, 2000. At that time, 15 units were completed with 9 of them occupied. An additional 6 units were under construction.

Lutheran Camp Concordia, Westbank, BC – A small loan to enable the camp association to consolidate the outstanding loans on their buildings and facilities.

Church Extension is often associated only with finances. It is much more! Church Extension is a unique ministry enabling congregations to carry out our Lord's Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations. Investors in Church Extension have the special privilege of being involved in sharing Christ's love and the message of salvation.

God is using the ministry of CEF to touch the lives of individuals – sometimes directly as they invest and sometimes through the ministries made possible through resources provided by Church Extension. These stories give Church Extension investors the joy and assurance that our Lord is using their investments to accomplish His purposes.

### Faith Lutheran Church, Surrey, BC

Faith Lutheran Church in Surrey, BC is situated in a community that is largely non-Caucasian. For many congregations this would be a sign to relocate, but for Faith members it represents an opportunity for ministry. Faith has become a multi-cultural, multi-linguistic community of believers. Services are conducted in English, Korean, Chinese and Spanish but many congregational activities involve the entire congregation and include all languages and cultures.

Under the guidance of Labourers for Christ, congregational members devoted countless volunteer hours in the construction of a church addition. God is blessing the ministry at Faith! The congregation continues to grow as many lives are being touched by the Gospel in several different languages.

### Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, AB

Bethel's relocation in Sherwood Park and the construction of a new worship facility has provided many ministry opportunities. The first worship service was held in their new facility on April 30, 2000. Since that time the congregation has experienced ongoing growth. The functional facility has provided a wonderful location for numerous occasions to interact with the community in which it is located. This provides ministry opportunities and an increasing awareness of the congregation's ministry.

### Prince of Peace Village, Calgary, AB

Prince of Peace Village is a seniors ministry project of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School in Calgary. The vision of Prince of Peace is that the Village will be a place where:

- · mature adults can live in a loving, caring and supportive environment
- residents can live in harmony, sharing Christian values and expressing their individual faiths
- individuals can share both their gifts and their needs with one another
- all members of the community have the opportunity to live out their lives at the village.

God has blessed this vision. Approximately 100 residents are experiencing the care and love of other residents and the staff of Prince of Peace Village as well as the pastors, staff and members of the Prince of Peace Church and School. God is providing wonderful ministry opportunities through Prince of Peace Village.



Faith Lutheran Church



Bethel Lutheran Church



Prince of Peace Village

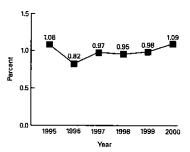


### Celebrating God's Grace

### **Church Extension Annual Report**

### **Summary of Financial Information**

### Operating Expenses as a % of the Assets



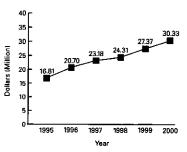
Year End Status	Jan. 31, 2000	Jan. 31, 2001
Total Assets	30,101,526	33,162,972
Total Liabilities	27,629,354	30,411,412
Net Assets	2,472,172	2,751,560
Loans Receivable	28,493,924	29,122,522
Investments Payable	27,369,927	30,327,511
Loans Payable	258,595	50,649

### **Operating Results**

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Year End Status	Jan. 31, 2000	Jan. 31, 2001
Interest Income	2,011,560	2,244,173
Gifts & Bequests	12,547	31,866
Total Income	2,024,107	2,276,039
Interest Expense	1,490,773	1,632,778
Office & Promotion Expense	294,909	363,873
Total Expense	1,785,682	1,996,651
Net Income	238,425	279,388

### **CEF Investments**



### **Church Extension Information**

	Jan. 31, 2000	Jan. 31, 2001
Total No. of Investments	4,891	5,262
Value of New Investments	5,542,112	5,318,156
Investment Withdrawals	3,473.605	3,524,684
Investment Int. Compounded	993,389	1,164,112
Increase in Investments	3,061,896	2,957,584
Loan Payments	6,164,814	9,048,216
Loan Interest	1,918,634	2,081,595
New Loan Draws	6,625,423	7,595,219
Increase in Loans	2,379,242	628,598

### Investment Opportunities and Services

#### **Savings**

Earn interest and withdraw funds at any time.

- A minimum \$10 investment opens and continues your account.
- · Additional deposits can be made in any amount.
- · Withdrawals can be made without penalty.
- Direct deposit and telephone withdrawals are available.
- Tracky stamp program for young investors to encourage saving habits.

### **Term Investments**

Earn interest and withdraw funds at any time.

- A minimum \$200 opens and continues a 1,2,3,4 or 5 year investment.
- Earn additional interest on 3,4 and 5 year accounts with greater balances.
- · Direct deposits and telephone withdrawal are available.
- Short term investments of 90 or 180 days for balances of \$5,000 or more.

#### Special "Interest" Fund

The zero interest program allows the investor to use invested dollars to provide interest-free loans for the ministry of Lutheran Schools for a specific time period.

### **Congregational Investments**

CEF offers both congregations and individuals the same investment opportunities.

#### Rebate Program

Congregations with CEF loans earn rebates with supporting investments. A 2% rebate will be applied to the portion of the loan that is covered by investments of the congregational members.

### **Individual Retirement Savings Accounts**

These accounts are available from Lutheran Church - Canada, the Alberta - British Columbia District Investments Ltd. (located at the Church Extension office). This type of investment helps you earn tax-deferred interest and substantial tax savings through RRSP and RRIF investments, at competitive rates.

If you already have an RRSP or RRIF account elsewhere, consider transferring it to ABC District Investments.

For current interest rates or information about any CEF investment, call toll-free

1-888-474-0063

### ABC District Department of Financial Ministries

### **Directors**

Dick Lutz (Chairman) – Spruce Grove, AB
Rev. Randy Heide (Secretary) – Fort McMurray, AB
Rev. Mark Beiderwieden – Victoria, BC
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Rev. Les Carlson – Oliver, BC
Mark Gibson – Cowichan Bay, BC
Ted Schoepp – Wembley, AB

### **Church Extension Representatives**

Representatives in congregations

### **Church Extension Staff**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2001**

Church Extension Alberta - British Columbia District Lutheran Church - Canada

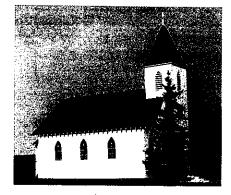




"All over the world this gospel is producing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth." Colossians 1:6

Church Extension's mission is to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission. God, in His grace, has been doing that for over 80 years through the Alberta - British Columbia Church Extension ministry. From the first missionaries and congregations in Alberta and British Columbia, God grew a group of churches that formed the Alberta - British Columbia District in 1921. At the founding convention of the District, these congregations established the

"kirchbaukommission", which is translated "church building commission", and which was later known as the Church Extension Fund.



Redeemer - Vega

All over Alberta and British Columbia, new congregations were springing up because the Gospel of Jesus Christ was producing fruit and growing. That powerful Gospel message continues to produce fruit and grow, just as it has been doing in you, the faithful investors and supporters of Church Extension, since the day you heard the saving Gospel message and understood God's grace in all its truth.

People in our world are continuing to hear the Gospel and continue to come to faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy

Spirit, as the message is proclaimed by pastors and lay people in the congregations of our church. Church Extension has been involved in this proclamation since 1921 and continues to be involved as funds are made available to congregations throughout Alberta and British Columbia to support the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.

As God's people grow in His grace, the resources to support the proclamation of the Gospel grow as well. Through the ministry of Church Extension, congregations are able to have facilities and resources to enhance and expand their ministry of sharing Christ's love and proclaiming the saving Gospel message. We have God's promise that the Gospel will continue to produce fruit and grow. May we all grow in God's grace to His glory and our eternal good!

### **Growing** in Financial Resources

Throughout its history, Church Extension in the Alberta British Columbia District has been making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission. Since the first loan provided to St. John's Lutheran Church in Trochu, Alberta in 1924, Church Extension has been assisting congregations in their capital funding needs. By 1940 loans to congregations totaled almost \$41,000.

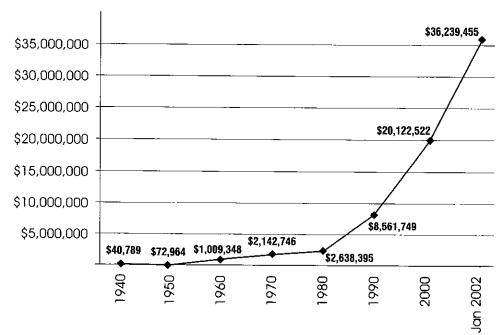
This capital funding continued to grow from decade to decade, by God's grace, to the point that more than \$36 million is currently loaned to congregations.

Loans provided by Church Extension have varied in size from \$3 and upwards. Yet every loan granted was approved because the capital project that it supported was determined to be important in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



St. John's - Trochu

The following chart shows the growth of Church Extension loans from 1940 to January 31, 2002:





### Growing in the Number of Church Extension Products

### **Investment Opportunities and Services**

### Savings

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#### Personalized Investment Advice

CEF staff are available to offer you sound investment advice. They will help determine what type of investment is best to meet your investment objectives.

### Growing

### in the number of Church Extension Participants

The members of Lutheran Church - Canada congregations in the Alberta - British Columbia District are catching the vision of Church Extension ministry. They understand that Church Extension provides them with opportunities and encouragement for wise management of the financial resources God has entrusted to them. They understand that Church Extension gives them a good financial return and the spiritual blessing of knowing that their resources are helping to expand and enhance the ministry of congregations throughout the ABC District.

Part of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign goal was to increase the number of investors from 10% of the baptized membership of congregations in the ABC District to 15%. As of January 31, 2002 the number of investors has reached 4107, which is 67% of the campaign goal.

By God's grace, Church Extension is continuing to grow in number of participants, all for the sake of the Gospel.

# **Growing** in Service to All Ages

Church Extension provides investment opportunities which are designed to meet the needs of all members of Lutheran Church - Canada congregations.

The "Tracky" stamp program...

- encourages young children to save for the future.
- teaches children the basic principles of Christian stewardship and helps them learn how they can be involved in supporting ministries that share Christ's love with others.

"Teenage Tracky"...

- endeavors to encourage teenagers to continue to invest in Church Extension where their savings will be used in ministry to others.
- teaches the basics of money management through their investments in Church Extension, both savings and term investments.

Short and Long Term Investments

- Convenient
- Flexible
- Designed to meet individual investment needs of everyone.

Church Extension has been growing in its service to all ages, enabling all to joyfully support the Gospel outreach ministry of our church. The products and services are designed to help everyone in their management of God's entrusted resources.



# Growing in Services to Congregations

Church Extension provides a growing range of services to congregations. Church Extension...

- provides experience gained through partnership with congregations in the development and construction of ministry facilities throughout the District.
- provides financial backing which enables congregations to grasp new ministry opportunities.
- works with congregations to develop innovative ways to expand their ministry and outreach.
- works with congregations throughout the planning and development phases of their building project to help ensure feasibility and quality.
  - provides loans for new facilities.
  - provides loans for renovation and expansion.
  - provides zero interest loans for Lutheran school startup costs.
  - acquires advance sites for mission development.



Immanuel - Tomahawk

### **Growing** in Ministry Opportunities

God has called us to make disciples of all nations in His "Great Commission" to His followers. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings." (I Corinthians 9: 22b-23)

The congregations and leaders of the Alberta - British Columbia District have begun many new ministry initiatives in order to reach more people for Jesus Christ. These initiatives have included cross-cultural ministries, Lutheran Schools, seniors ministries, northern and remote ministries and many others. The Lord continues to provide new opportunities for us to touch the lives of others with His love.

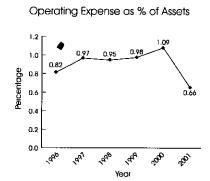
Church Extension has been blessed by God with resources and commitment by God's people to assist congregations and District to grasp many of these opportunities. By God's grace the Gospel is touching the hearts and lives of many people for Christ through these ministry initiatives.

God continues to provide opportunities for ministry and it is the goal of Church Extension to have the resources necessary to support initiatives to grasp these opportunities.

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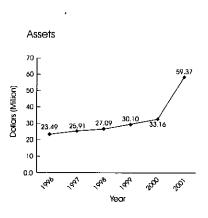
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Year End Status	Jan. 31, 2001	Jan. 31, 2002
Total Assets Total Liabilities Net Assets Loans Receivable Investments Payable Loans Payable	33,162,972 30,411,412 2,751,560 29,122,522 30,327,511 50,649	59,371,139 56,618,592 2,751,547 36,239,455 56,666,074 0



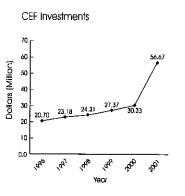
### **Operating results**

Year End Status	Jan. 31, 2001	Jan. 31, 2002
Interest Income	2,244,173	2,671,788
Gifts & Bequests	31,866	6,831
Total Income	2,276,039	2,678,619
Interest Expense	1,632,788	2,285,803
Office & Promotion Expense	363,873	391,829
Total Expense	1,996,651	2,677,632
Net Income	279,388	987



### **Church Extension Information**

	Jan. 31, 2001	Jan. 31, 2002
Total # of Investments	5,262	6,726
New Investments	5,318,156	28,183,953
Investment Withdrawals	3,524,684	3,477,411
Investment Int. Compounded	1,164,112	1,501,625
Increase in Investments	2,957,584	26,208,167
Loan Payments	9,048,216	6,658,097
Loan Interest	2,081,595	2,360,075
New Loan Draws	7,595,219	11,061,458
Increase in Loans	628,598	6,763,436



### Growing

### in the Number of Congregations being Served

### 2001 PROJECTS

Over 45 congregations and schools currently benefit from a loan issued by Church Extension. Six projects commenced in 2001, as follows:

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lethbridge, AB.** Immanuel purchased property in one of the newer and fastest growing sections of the city for construction of a new worship facility with an expanded children and family emphasis.

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Stony Plain, AB.** St. Matthew borrowed funds to enhance the playground at their Lutheran School.

**King of Kings Lutheran Church, St. Albert, AB.** King of Kings built a 10,000 sq. ft. ministry facility on the property which Church Extension had purchased several years ago. This facility includes a sanctuary, education wing and parish hall.

**Shepherd's Village Ministries, Valleyview, AB.** With the construction of three units in 2001, Phase 1 and 2 of this seniors housing project are now complete. In addition, expanded recreational facilities were completed for the benefit of all residents.



King of Kings - St. Albert

**Prince of Peace Village, Calgary, AB.** Construction and sales continue to be very strong. 22 new units were occupied in 2001 bringing the total to 74 occupied units.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Summerland, BC.** Heating and electrical upgrades were completed and additional lighting enhanced their worship facility.

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January 24, 2002

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Dear Church Extension Investor,

Please join us in celebrating the wonderful blessings of our Lord during the year 2001 -- the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Extension. With such turmoil and fluctuation in the commercial financial world during this past year, we gain strength in our Lord God. "The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Ps. 46:7

Enclosed is a statement of your investment(s) in the Church Extension Fund as of December 31, 2001. On the reverse side of this letter is an explanation of your statement. If you have any questions regarding this statement, please contact us toll-free at 1-888-474-0063 or email <a href="mailto:finances@lccabc.ca">finances@lccabc.ca</a>.

Through your investments, you are an important part of the mission of Church Extension: "To make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission." Through your investments, congregational projects such as the following have become reality:

- On November 1, 2001, Immanual Lutheran Church, Lethbridge Alberta, acquired title to a 2-acre parcel for the purpose of building new multi-functional congregational facilities. The site is in a rapidly growing area of the city, in close proximity to young families. This location will enhance the congregation's ability to expand their children's ministry by offering before and after school care.
- During late fall, 2001, St. John's Lutheran Church, Summerland BC, completed heating, lighting
  and sound system upgrades, and looks forward to repairing its church roof in spring 2002.
   Depending upon availability of contractors, the congregation may also expand the church narthex
  to enrich its outreach into the community.
- During the past nine months, First Lutheran Church, Kelowna, BC has extensively evaluated various locations within its community for building a new worship and ministry centre. With great trust in the Lord's guidance, congregational representatives actively pursue acquisition of an ideal parcel to accomplish their goals and dreams.
- In fall 2001, Redeemer, Edmonton obtained a second loan to repair the church roof. Separate provisions for this loan permit payoff on a schedule distinct from their mortgage loan.
- The children attending the school at St. Matthew, Stony Plain, AB enjoy remping on new playground equipment obtained through a CEF loan. Can't you just hear the children's laughter and excitement as they enjoy this new equipment!

These projects are merely a sampling of the blessings made possible through your investments. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Ps. 34:8

Thank you for your special part in enabling Church Extension to be such a blessing to our church. Your investments and your prayers are so important to the Church Extension ministry. You can also assist in still another way – invite a fellow church member to take advantage of the good rates offered by Church Extension and the blessings of sharing Christ through this ministry.

May the Lord continue to be with you and bless you,

Édie Ulmer

Church Extension

P.S. The March 1 deadline for RRSP investments is fast approaching. ABC District Investments Ltd. gives you the opportunity to make RRSP and RRIF investments and the satisfaction of knowing that, while your investment is growing, it is also serving God and His church here on earth. Please take note of the enclosed RRSP/RRIF brochure.

### An Explanation of Your CEF Statement

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### An Explanation Relating to Interest

Column 6

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For 12-month term investments:

For investments for a term longer than 12 months:

For savings accounts:

Interest is compounded:

At maturity.

On December 31 of each year

and at maturity.

On June 30 and December 31

of each year.

### CHURCH EXTENSION

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Beinert, Georg A. Or Gayle M. 9723 - 67 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6E 0P1

Re: Investment #: 10531-0772-01-04

Dear George and Gayle,

Our dear friend in Christ Jesus, we greet you! We thank God for you, and for the opportunity to serve you, particularly with your investment during the recent 7 FOR 7 FOR 7 campaign. As you instructed, your 7 FOR 7 FOR 7 investment will be renewed on June 30, 2002 for a 1 year term at 3.850%. This renewed investment will mature on JUNE 30, 2003.

CEF investments are a double blessing - to you and to your church. Church Extension investments are not subject to any extra management fees, nor are any early withdrawal penalties imposed. And, over 90% of the congregations within Alberta - British Columbia District have benefited from CEF loans at some time during the past 80 years.

Due to investors like you being part of this special investment ministry, numerous projects are becoming a reality! The following projects commenced during the first quarter of this year alone:

- o First, Kelowna After months of searching for suitable property, an ideal parcel was recently acquired for construction of their new worship facility and Lutheran school campus.
- o Walnut Grove, Langley After worshipping for years in leased space, their recent acquisition of a closed garden center will soon be renovated as a creative worship facility.
- o Trinity, Richmond Major renovations and rebuilding will enhance their worship facility and embolden their witness within their community.
- o Zion, Surrey The second phase of their building project will enable continued growth of their school and church with additions of a chapel, offices, work areas, courtyard, and expanded church narthex and school entrance.
- o Peaco. Sidney Their facility will be more accessible with the addition of a handicap lift.

As a CEF investor, YOU ARE A VITALLY IMPORTANT PART OF EACH OF THESE PROJECTS.

Thank you for your continued investment and support of the Church Extension ministry.

"For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God." II Corinthians 9:12 (TEV)

In Christ's service, Edie Ulmer Church Extension Fund



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January 20, 2003

Dear Church Extension Investor,

Under the theme, "Making a Difference ... Growing in God's Grace" for fiscal year 2002, Church Extension Fund realizes God's blessings upon the growth in investments, the number of CEF investors, and the ministry opportunities through congregations within Alberta – British Columbia District. Despite fluctuating interest rates in the commercial financial world, Church Extension investment rates have remained relatively steady: offering a range of return from 2.5% on savings account and up to 4.75% on 5-year investments. This stability is the result of faithful stewards such as yourself, who continue to express your trust in Church Extension.

Enclosed is a statement of your investment(s) in the Church Extension Fund as of December 31, 2002. On the reverse side of this letter is an explanation of your statement. If you have any questions regarding this statement, please contact us toll-free at 1-888-474-0063 or email finances@lccabc.ca.

Through your investments, you are an important part of the mission of Church Extension: "To make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission." Through your investments, congregational projects such as the following become a reality:

- The members of Walnut Grove, Langley, BC reach out to their community with new worship facilities by creatively remodeling and retro-fitting a former garden center.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Summerland BC enjoy expanded facilities for fellowship and meetings. From an
  area which was elbow-to-elbow, their building expansion now offers a big bright cheery area for holding
  meetings, luncheons, and even a Christmas dance!
- o After experiencing minor rain damage in their sanctuary, the members of *St. Matthew, Stony Plain, AB* are now reassured by a completely new roof over the entirety of their facilities. And the members also rejoiced this year at the burning of their prior mortgage the first-ever loan over \$1 million granted by Church Extension.
- o The three congregational families of *Trinity*, *Richmond*, *BC* -- Causasian, Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese reap the benefits of a mild winter, thus far, by completing a major portion of their extensive renovation and remodeling project: one which will result in new facilities for all but the sanctuary area of their church building.
- The members of Zion, Surrey, BC have boldly joined together to accomplish Phase 2 of their major expansion project to provide nine new classrooms, increased kitchen capacity, an elevator and larger gymnasium/fellowship hall.
- Having been richly biessed with increased interest in their church school, Hope, Port Coquitlam currently constructs an expansion which will provide four new classrooms and much-needed educational facilities.

These projects are merely a sampling of the blessings made possible through your investments. *Thank* you for your special part in enabling Church Extension to be such a blessing to our church. Your investments and your prayers are so important to the Church Extension investment ministry. You can also assist in still another way – invite a fellow church or family member to take advantage of the favorable rates offered by Church Extension and the blessings of sharing Christ through this unique ministry.

May the Lord continue to be with you and bless you,

Edie Ulmer Church Extension

P.S. The March 3 deadline for RRSP investments is fast approaching. ABC District Investments Ltd. gives you the opportunity to invest in tax-sheltered savings while at the same time realizing the joy and satisfaction of knowing your funds are serving God and His church here on earth. Please take note of the enclosed RRSP/RRIF brochure.

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Of each investment

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investment, such as -01, -02, -03.

Column 2

Maturity Date
Of each investment

This date reflects when your investment will mature and the full value of earned interest will be added to your

account.

Column 3

Term (in months)
Of each investment

If your account is a savings account, Columns 2 and

3 are blank.

Column 4

Interest Rate

applied to each investment

Rate in effect at time of your investment.

Column 5

Interest Paid in Current Year

This column reflects the amount of interest compounded or added to your investment during the calendar year. This amount must be reported as income earned in 2002. A separate T5 is issued where interest of \$50.00 or more has

been compounded to your account or paid out to you.

Column 6

Accrued Interest to Date

This column reflects the amount of interest earned – but not yet added (compounded) to your investment.

Church Extension Bonds

No interest is shown - interest is calculated and

compounded once a year on the anniversary date of your

investment.

Column 7

Actual Value

Without Accrued Interest

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in Column 6).

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For savings accounts:



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### Making a Difference... Compelled by God's Love

Church Extension's mission is to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission. As Christians we believe that Christ died to pay the penalty of our sin. God's Word makes it absolutely clear that in our sin we were doomed to eternal death but God rescued us. God sent His Son to die in our place and now, through faith in Christ's redeeming sacrifice, we have eternal life. What a merciful and loving God! What great news to tell the world! God has provided life for our dead souls!

God's love that moved Him to rescue us from our sin compels us to live for Him. We no longer live our selfish lives but rather live for Him who rescued us. That's why we are part of Christ's body, the church. That's why we are members of congregations in Lutheran Church – Canada. That's why we are participants in the Church Extension ministry – God's love compels us!

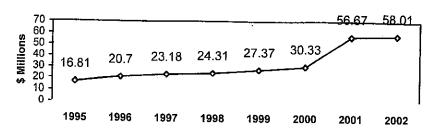
With the assistance of Church Extension congregations throughout the Alberta – British Columbia District are sharing the "good news" of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Church Extension plays an integral role in providing ministry opportunities for congregations to touch the heart and lives of people with Christ's love and forgiveness. Church Extension is able to do this because of the commitment of over 4000 people who invest in this ministry and in so doing make their resources available for ministry in Christ's Church.

Investing in ministry makes a difference for the ministry being assisted and also for the individual making the investment. Investing in ministry of congregations throughout the ABC District is a good stewardship decision, a decision that provides satisfaction and fulfillment to the Christian investor.

Compelled by God's love, people involved in the Church Extension ministry are making a difference; making a difference in the ministry of congregations and making a difference in the lives of people.

To God belongs all of the glory: He provides the resources, He provides the motivation, He provides the ministry opportunities and He provides the results.

### Providing Financial Resources



CEF investments continued to grow through 2002. As investors increasingly participate in this special investment ministry, our Lord is presenting many new opportunities within His Kingdom.

### **Providing More Church Extension Investment Opportunities**

- Tracky Accounts
- 0 Savings Accounts
- Term Investments: Short Term (90 or 180 days) & Long Term (1 Year to 5 Years) 0
- Special "Interest" Accounts: Zero Interest investments to support zero interest loans to Lutheran Schools
- Congregational Investments
- Individual Retirement Savings Accounts: RRSP's & RRIF's
- Personalized Investment Advice

### Lutheran Church - Canada Members Grasping the Opportunity

As of February 28, 2003, The Church Extension Investment family includes over 4281 investors. Investment programs involve people of all ages: Sunday School children, teenagers, college students, wage earners and retirees.

### Investors Responding

of Investors	3852	4270	4444	4603	4891	5337	6726	7195
Total Number		56	64	61	67	62	63	64
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Term	2370	2666	2724	2783	3040	3350	4626	4951
Savings	1433	1546	1656	1759	1784	1925	2037	2180
Type of Account	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002

### Providing Services to Congregations

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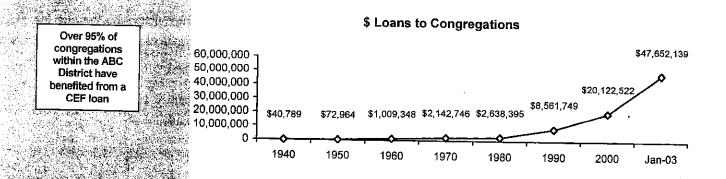
- Provides Financial Management
- Helps develop innovative ways to expand ministry &
- Provide building and project development experience
- Partners to ensure feasibility and quality
- Provides loans for new facilities
- Provides loans for renovations and expansion

### Responding to Ministry Opportunities

- Remote Ministries
- Cross Cultural
- Social Ministry

- **Lutheran Schools**
- Congregations' Outreach
- Seniors' Ministry

### Serving More Congregations



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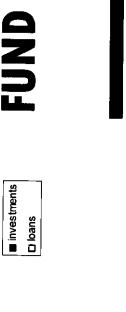
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# Investments and Loans

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**CEF Guiding Principles** 

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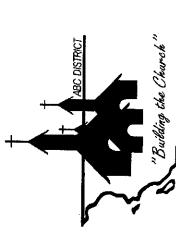
•Church Extension is a ministry.

•Investors are fellow Christians who

support the ministry.

•Church Extension is a partnership between investors and borrowing congre-

gations.

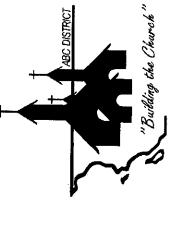


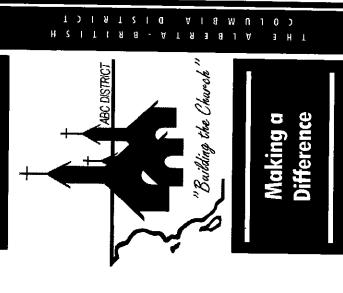
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the question, "Will this decision make a difference and further the Great Church Extension actions are based on Commission?"

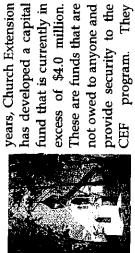




# **Through CEF Investments Expanding our Ministry**

Making a difference is a big part of the We must always ask, will this action, this decision, this new loan, this new service, make a difference? This is the foministry of Church Extension Fund. cus on the top line... not the bottom line... that has built a truly unique min-

date, CEF has partnered with over 4350 the ministry of Church Extension. To investors who have invested over \$70 million. Approximately, \$59 million is currently loaned out to congregations within our District, putting your investment dollars to work! Over the In over 84 years, God has truly blessed



These are funds that are provide security to the not owed to anyone and CEF program. They

were funds received as gifts, bequests and operating balances that have accumulated during 84 years of operation. With the support of investments by Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia members, CEF continues its mission of providing funds

and services available in support of the Great Commission. Investing with CEF does make a difference of expanding our ministry In 2004 Church Extension was able to schools in the Alberta-British Columbia partner with several congregations and prove their facilities so they may better them and share the Good News of Je-District to help build, renovate and imreach out to the communities around sus Christ.

# Building Expansions:

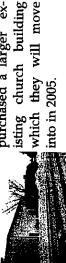
Faith Lutheran Church, Grande Prairie, AB built a 5000 sq ft addition during 2004.



and School, Surrey, BC began their large renovation project in 2001 and Zion Lutheran Church completed it in 2004. Duchess Lutheran Church, Duchess, AB added a much needed narthex and storage area.

# New Building Purchases:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lacombe, AB purchased a larger existing church building



St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran other house, located on the block between the church and school for future Church, Stony Plain, AB acquired anexpansion possibilities.

# New Building Construction Projects:

Lethbridge, AB members are excited about the construction of their new building which Immanuel Lutheran began in 2004. First Lutheran Church and School, Kelowna, BC moved into their completed building in 2004. Prince of Peace Christian Community, Calgary, AB is in its final phase of construction of the Village.

# Building Improvements:

borrowed funds from Church Extension Trinity Lutheran Church, Fermie, BC in the winter of 2004 for the purchase of a new furnace. 2004 CEF Annual Report is available on our website: www.lccabc.ca or from the District Office.

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### Investor News

### **CHURCH EXTENSION FUND &** ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS LTD.

July 2006

### Entering an Anniversary Year - Building on your Faithfulness

2006 is an anniversary year for both Church Extension and the ABC District. For 85 years the two have partnered together to serve the congregations in the Alberta and British Columbia District. Despite the many changes in the District office over the past year, the ABC District philosophy of service to its investors has been at the cornerstone of working to ensure that we satisfy your investment requirement needs and at the same time, provide our congregations with funds to build, renovate and improve facilities. We continue to strive to respond to each telephone call or written inquiry about your account(s) promptly. We trust that you are satisfied with the service we provide and would appreciate any suggestions that you might offer.

During this past year, changes in the financial markets have resulted in changes to the interest rates. We continue to benchmark our returns against the major Canadian banks and will continue this practice into the future. Current savings

and term rates are:



Savings 2.35% (minimum investment \$10.00)

90 Day Term 2.50% 180 Day Term 2.65% (minimum investment \$5,000)

1 Year Term 3.15% 2 Year Term 3.40% 3 Year Term\* 3.65% 4 Year Term\* 3.90% 5 Year Term\* 4.15%

(minimum investment \$200.00 \*bonus 1/4% for over \$25,000)



The average annualized rate of return for investments within ABC District Investments (RRSP/RRIF)

for 2005 was 5.18% and is 5.20% as of May 31, 2006.

Total investments (CEF and RRSP) have increased to over \$92 million and nearly 5000 investors invest with us so that we can in turn loan the funds to congregations, schools and other entities to enable them to share the Good News of Jesus with others. At this time. over \$76 million is loaned out to congregations, schools and entities throughout the District. We have 5 congregations currently drawing on approved loans and 14 congregations in the process of completing a loan application or considering a loan.

Thank you for sharing in the vision. Together we have made a difference in the church life of many congregations. Do we need new investments? Absolutely! CEF wants to be able to say "yes" to those congregations that ask for our help. Let us continue His work together and see if we can multiply the gifts and reach others through sharing His Word.

### Invested Dollars at Work...

We asked the members of Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lacombe and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lethbridge the following question: "How did the funds from CEF help or enhance your ministry?" The following comments were provided by the congregations themselves.

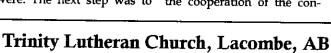
### Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, AB

When Bethel Lutheran Church of Sherwood Park, Alberta, realized after just a

> couple of years their new facility that there was no room for further expansion, they started planning an addition. The first step was to vision what Bethel's ministry would be like in the

next 5 to 10 years and what the needs for that ministry were. The next step was to approach an architect with those needs. When they saw the architect's estimate of \$1.5 million for an additional 9000 square feet of classroom, office, and sanctuary space, they turned to the ABC Church Extension Fund for help. Their prayers were answered when their loan was approved and in the fall of 2005, construction began.

During the construction, Bethel had to curtail some of their ministry programs, although no Sunday services were ever missed, thanks to the cooperation of the contractor. By the end of March the job was finished-on schedule and Bethel's Sunday School children no longer had to cram into the Gym, the youth had a room of their own to meet in on Sunday mornings as did the adult Bible Study-and each staff member had an office to call their own. The expanded sanctuary holds approximately 425 people. What a blessing to see it filled for the first time during the Good Friday evening service. All this would not have been possible without the loan from the Church Extension Fund.



In 2005 our congregation was blessed with a loan from CEF. This allowed the congregation to purchase a larger church building. The larger facility with it's numerous offices and meeting rooms has allowed us to undertake events that we

could not have dreamed about before.

We have seen an increase in our adult Bible Studies because we are now able to hold them at the Church rather than in members' homes.

When we were in our old facility we were

almost invisible to the community at large. Through the publicity created by the purchase and facility sharing process with the 1st Baptist Church we are now well

known in the community.

The size of our old church also restricted the events and activities we were able to

undertake. The new facility has made it possible for us to do so much more.

• We have held a number of large fund-raising activities in our Church that have been advertised with-in the community.

- Concordia University College Choir held a concert at our Church to which we were able to invite the community at large.
- We have had a number of weddings at the Church.
   Our other facility was too small & members always used other buildings for their wedding ceremonies.
- We had a major evangelism & outreach service

recently. We hosted members from the various police services around central Alberta and presented their detachments with plaques expressing our appreciation for their service to our communities. We had a supper & guest speaker (President Schiemman). Our youth held a sleepover this spring again – we had room to do this.

It is amazing to put all of this on paper & see how God has blessed our congregation - one does not realize what a difference it has made until you reflect back. Much of the above has resulted in greater fellowship & bonding of members, greater exposure within the community, the ability to undertake evangelistic & outreach programs.

And we have just begun!



### Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lethbridge, AB

Over the past year, Im- church. manuel Lutheran Church has been showered with tion to the people of West blessings from Thousands of hours of aided volunteer labor combined with a loan from CEF made our building ful compleproject a reality. our opening worship in new minisour new facility in West try facility. Lethbridge, we have seen the Holy Spirit bring many families to our

The ongoing ministry of the congrega-God. Lethbridge has

greatly by the success-Since tion of our We continue thank God

for the gifts that He has given us, as he makes us His partners in spreading the Gospel.



And the following congregations have also borrowed funds from CEF for these projects during 2005 & 2006:

### First Lutheran Church, Lloydminster, AB

The congregation of First Lutheran Church Lloydminster, Alberta used funds borrowed from Church Extension to do repairs to their



church basement to prevent future damage due to ground water seepage. CEF was pleased to help this congregation maintain their worship facility.

### Faith Lutheran Church, Surrey, BC

The effects of the record breaking rains late last winter, resulted in the quick conclusion to borrow funds from Church Extension to repair this congregation's roof. At the same time plans were made to improve the acoustics in their building. Church Extension was pleased to be



able to help this congregation maintain their worship facility and show that they are taking care of the resources that God has entrusted to them.

### St. Peter's Historical Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB

St. Peter's Historical Lutheran Church in Edmonton, AB was assisted by CEF so that program

renovations could be done to their parson-"Rehwinkle age, House". The renovated and updated house is now rented out to Concordia Lutheran Seminary Students.

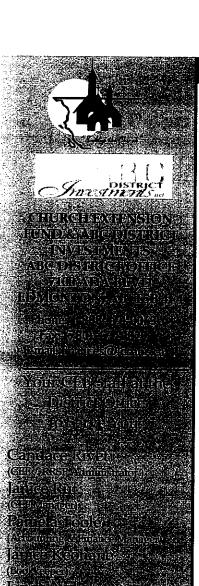


### St. Matthew Lutheran Church Stony Plain, AB



With the recent purchase of a fourth house, this congregation continues with the plans to purchase the six homes lobetween their church and school for the

future building of a parking lot. While the plan continues to develop, all the houses are rented out.



### Your Church Extension / ABC District Investment Statement

For the first time, we have combined the mailing of statements for Church Extension and ABC District Investments. An explanation of your CEF statement follows below. The RRSP/RRIF statement is self-explanatory. If you require further assistance or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone, fax or email:

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Email: finances@lccabc.ca

### **Explanation of your Church Extension Fund Statement:**

The enclosed statement shows the maturity date, the term in months, the interest rate for that investment, accrued interest and the actual value without the accrued interest as at the statement date. Your *account number* is thirteen digits comprised of the nine digit number located just below your name and address towards the middle of the page plus the *INV* # (investment number) located along the left hand side of the page.

Interest is accrued monthly on all accounts. However, interest is compounded, or added to your investment at varying times, and at various rates, depending on the length and type of investment:

- Savings Account interest is compounded on June 30 and December 31 of each year;
- 12 Months (1 Year) Term Deposit the closing balance does not include interest earned as it is compounded only at maturity;
- 24 60 Months (2 5 Years) Term Deposit interest is compounded on December 31 of each year and at maturity; and
- Bonds (investment # 50, 51, 52, 70, 71 or 72) interest is paid in accordance with the "Bond Information Sheet" sent to you with your confirmation of investment.

Interest Paid in the Current Year reflects the amount of interest that has been compounded or added to your account.

Accrued Interest reflects the amount of interest that has been earned, but not added (compounded) to your investment as of the statement date.

Actual Value includes the principal plus compound interest added. This amount does not include the accrued interest.

### **CEF Updates Financial Software System**

Over the past several months we have looked at replacing our 20 year old computer financial system. We are pleased to share with you that we have recently committed to a new computer system that takes into account all our financial and investment reporting requirements. This decision will result in added work for the ABC District staff in the short-term - maintaining service using the current system while implementing a new system. We have recognized the need to modernize our administrative systems for some time. During this transition period we will strive to maintain and/or improve our service stan-

dard to you, our investors. Over the years the investor base increased and so did the demands on ABC District staff. We expect the new system to provide processing efficiencies which we hope will reduce some of the administrative burden.

The system change will also impact each of our investors. Investors will be given a new personal account number, investment statement formats will change to better summarize and disclose your investments and we will be looking at various ways to improve our communication with you. Additionally with the increase of identity theft, we will strive to ensure that your personal

identification and account information is kept confidential and therefore we will be implementing personal identification number (or word) (PIN) to ensure that your information is secure. More information will be sent in the upcoming months,

The underlying goal in transitioning is to increase operational efficiency while improving financial disclosure to all investors as we develop the "new look" in our administrative structure. We seek your patience and your prayers as we work at implementing this new system.

If you have any questions or concerns during this transition time, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### **Investor News**

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHURCH EXTENSION FUND & ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS LTD. INVESTORS

### Church Extension Fund - 1921 - 2006

From the first missionaries and congregations in Alberta and British Columbia, God grew a group of churches that formed the ABC District in 1921. ABC District CEF was formed at the same time and during the past 85 years and has seen growth and change and has also helped develop opportunities and strengths that have shaped our District.

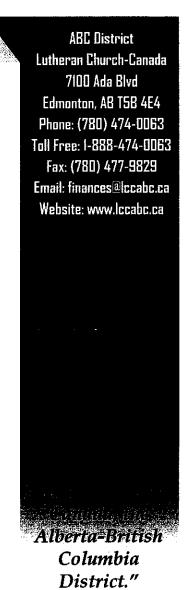
Church Extension Fund, by God's blessing, has enhanced the Gospel outreach ministry of so many congregations in the ABC District. We thank



God for the vision and faith He has provided to our forefathers. We thank Him for the commitment and faithfulness of His people today as they continue to make resources available for the mission and ministry of our District and its congregations.

Today more than 5,000 people make CEF possible. With more than \$100 million in assets today, CEF is presently assisting over 60 congregations, schools and entities throughout
Alberta and British
Columbia with loans
to help expand the
Kingdom.

Our goal is to anticipate and be responsive to the ministry needs of the future and to continue to provide service, resources, leadership and vision to meet those needs. We will continue to assist congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved and care for people locally and globally as we identify new and creative ministry opportunities throughout the Alberta-British Columbia District.



### Joint Newsletter - Separate Mailing

As in June, this is a joint newsletter for our CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. investors. However, please note, the statements are not being mailed out together, because of the



addition of receipts and / or T4's for our

RRSP / RRIF investors and T5's for our CEF investors.

On page 4, please find an explanation of your CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. statement.

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### It's RRSP Season...



RRSP "season" continues through close of business on March 1, 2007. An official receipt will be issued for any RRSP contributions received during the first 60 days of 2007 which may be filed with your 2006 tax return.

The annualized rate of return on RRSP and RRIF investments during 2006 was 5.13%. Most importantly, with an RRSP or RRIF investment in ABC District Investments Ltd., you receive the added joy of knowing that your tax-deferred dollars are being put to work within our District congregations.

### Finding it Difficult to Manage your RRSP Contribution?

Want to contribute to an RRSP but can't seem to fit it into your budget?

Tired of trying to come up with a large lump sum every February?

Worried that you're missing out on tax breaks today and retirement savings in the future?

Contact us about setting up a monthly electronic funds

# Total invested in CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd: \$95 million

Total currently loaned to congregations, schools & other entities:

\$71 million

### Financial Update: Investments and Loans

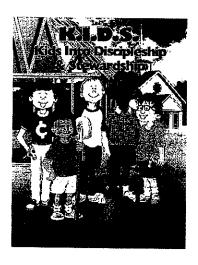
At the end of December 2006, loans (from CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd.) to congregations, schools and other LCC entities now total over \$71 million. Investments in CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. were just over \$95 million on

December 31, 2006.

Three loans are currently being drawn on and two others have been approved, but haven't begun drawing. We are also in discussion with 10 congregations about their building / renovation

projects.

Additionally, we are looking at other ways that Church Extension can partner with our congregations and its members in the Alberta-British Columbia District.



### K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program

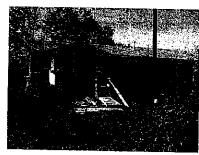
In case you haven't heard, Tracky has retired and we have begun a new stamp savings program called K.I.D.S. — Kids Into Discipleship & Stewardship. If your congregation doesn't currently have this pro-

gram running for the children (& youngat-heart), please consider becoming a K.I.D.S. Coordinator.

Information about K.I.D.S. is available on the website — www.lccabc.ca or by contacting our office

(kids@lccabc.ca). This program provides a fun and exciting way for children to learn about discipleship, stewardship and saving money, while helping at the same time to build God's Kingdom.

### Under Construction...Your Investments at Work



Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, AB contacted CEF about borrowing funds to replace their parsonage. Pastor Hennig and his family recently moved into the new parsonage. The old parsonage has been sold and moved off the church site.

Church Extension is pleased to partner with St. John's Lutheran Church, Vegreville, AB as they strive for their goal of developing a barrier free access to their community meeting rooms.



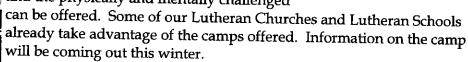
The congregation is also expanding their narthex for sanctuary overflow, putting a full basement under the addition, upgrading and making washrooms handicapped accessible and repairing the existing roof. The groundbreaking was held October 22, 2006.

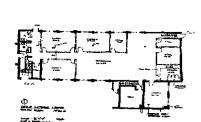


Okanagan Camp & Retreat Centre representatives approached CEF to provide funds to help make improvements to the camp. Some of those upgrades are heated washrooms, hall and kitchen addition; playing field improvement; winterization of existing buildings and cabins; completion of the swimming pool installation and landscaping.



All of these improvements are being made so that camps for seniors, family, youth, and the physically and mentally challenged





Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton is just starting their renovation project on their basement. Church Extension is pleased to assist with the financing of this project.



The project is beginning with the removal of asbestos from their basement ceiling. Further work will be done to reconstruct their Sunday School area.

# ABC District Website - Update



### Financial Software Update

We continue to make improvements to the ABC District website—including the Church Extension and ABC District Investments Ltd pages. We encourage you to visit the site: www.lccabc.ca. (use name—'investor' and password 'jil'). Your feedback on what you would like included in these pages would be appreciated. Please send your comments / suggestions to jruf@lccabc.ca.

There has been a delay in implementing our new financial software system and therefore the CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. statements are printed in the old format. We appreciate your patience as we work at implementing this new system in order to serve you better.

### Your Church Extension / ABC District Investments Ltd. Statement



### Explanation of your ABC District Investments Ltd. Statement:

The RRSP/RRIF statement is self-explanatory. If you made a contribution to your RRSP from March 2—December 31, 2006 a receipt is included. If you withdrew from your RRSP or RRIF a T4 is included. For further assistance or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone, fax or email:

Toll Free: 1-888-474-0063 Fax: (780) 477-9829 Email: finances@lccabc.ca

### **Explanation of your Church Extension Fund Statement:**

The enclosed statement shows the maturity date, the term in months, the interest rate for that investment, accrued interest and the actual value without the accrued interest as at the statement date. Your account number is thirteen digits comprised of the nine digit number located just below your name and address towards the middle of the page, plus the *INV* # (investment number) located along the left hand side of the page.

Interest is accrued monthly on all accounts. However, interest is compounded, or added to your investment at varying times, and at various rates, depending on the length and type of investment:

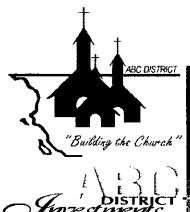
- Savings Account interest is compounded on June 30 and December 31 of each year;
- 12 Months (1 Year) Term Deposit the closing balance does not include interest earned as it is compounded only at maturity;
- 24 60 Months (2 5 Years) Term Deposit interest is compounded on December 31 of each year and at maturity;
- Bonds (investment # 50, 51, 52, 70, 71 or 72) interest is paid in accordance with the "Bond Information Sheet" sent to you with your confirmation of investment.

Interest Paid in the Current Year reflects the amount of interest that has been compounded or added to your account.

Accrued Interest reflects the amount of interest that has been earned, but not added (compounded) to your investment as of the statement date.

Actual Value includes the principal plus compound interest added. This amount does not include the accrued interest.

If interest earned on your account(s) totaled \$50.00 or more, a T5 is enclosed for your income tax return.



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### Investor News

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHURCH EXTENSION FUND & ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS LTD. INVESTORS

### Do your investments reflect your values?

The places and options for you to invest your money continue to grow, but do you know for what cause they are using your money? Do they match your beliefs? When you invest with CEF your money is used to build churches. It provides sanctuaries for growing congregations, classrooms for children and adults alike to learn about Christ and gymnasiums for outreach. It spurs effective ministry and growth by providing the facilities churches

need. For some churches, financing through CEF is their only option. With your help, individuals, churches and entire communities are changed.

Consider an investment in Church Extension Fund today. Several opportunities are available for you to be able to meet your investment needs: Savings Accounts, 90 & 180 Day Short Term Investments, 1–5 year Term Investments, RRSP's and RRIF's. Transfers of RRSP/ RRIF from other financial institutions are also available.

We can help make investing easier for you! Electronic Fund Transfers are available for both CEF and RRSP contributions, as well as for withdrawals. Set up a monthly deposit into your CEF Savings Account or RRSP today!

For more information on other CEF projects, KIDS Savings Stamp Program and investment applications and transfer forms, please go to our website www.lccabc.ca - drop down menu "Financial Ministries" User name: investor and Password: jil (Jesus is Lord) or contact us at 1-888-474-0063 or finances@lccabc.ca.

Thank you again for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of the ABC District Church Extension Fund. You really do make a difference!

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### Under Construction...Your Investments at Work

We are blessed to have a number of congregations and entities in the ABC District that have begun work on new building and renovation projects. Congratulations to the members of the following congregations. Their faith, dedication and hard work is evident in each one of these projects. Please keep them in your prayers, that those who work on the additions and improvements would be kept safe and that upon completion the projects would be used to the glory of God and to further His Kingdom.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Vegreville, AB is nearing the completion of their renovation with dedication to take place in the fall of 2007. Although in the midst of drywall tapers, sanding and painting, the new addition has already been used for a big wedding. The congregation is also using the space for gathering after worship for coffee and visiting. The congregation feels truly blessed and is looking forward to expanding God's Ministry in the coming years.



The loan from CEF has made the renovation project at Grace Lutheran Church,

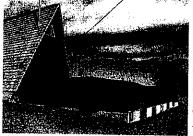


Edmonton, AB HAPPEN! The basement is not even recognizable now! Glenda Bacchus, Director of Christian Education for Grace, reports "the new classrooms are very roomy, which gives the opportunity for some dynamic teaching and singing to take place. Having the kids happy to be in a cheerful and colourful environment while learning about the Glory of God, what could be better? Thanks to CEF, our dream has become a reality."

Pastor Mark Ruf reports that Grace Lutheran Church in Calgary is at the end of a long planning and building project. Between May, 2006 and April 2007 the congregation demolished and expanded virtually their entire building. The result is a facility with an expanded kitchen and gym that will greatly enhance the congregation's work in housing the homeless and feeding low-income families and seniors. The project has generated much excitement within the congregation, and much curiosity within the community. Thanks to the investments of many across the ABC District, the efforts to reach out with the Gospel at Grace, Calgary, were blessed.



The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, Cardston, AB was faced with what looked like an impossible situation when it was determined that they had to put a new roof on their building. Dr. Andy Strang shared,



"we prayerfully approached the situation and discussed our options. It was very reassuring to be able to approach Church Extension and to be so quickly approved. It was a huge relief for the administration in our congregation." The support they received from CEF was the difference between success and a very difficult solution using secular financing. Dr. Strang added, "we will clearly be supporting and encouraging further investment in Church Extension in the future."

The Congregation of Walnut Grove Lutheran Church, Langley, BC, with assistance from CEF will begin an expansion project this summer to accommodate their growing congregation. The renovation will provide increased space for their Sunday School, youth, narthex, office, kitchen, washrooms and sanctuary.

Realizing the need to make their church handicap accessible led, the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church, Camrose, AB to approach CEF for a loan. An elevator will be installed later this year allowing those with mobility problems full access to the church and it's ministry.

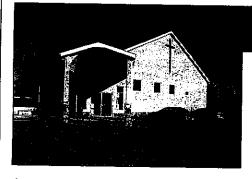
ABC District Church Extension is pleased to partner with Concordia University College of Alberta, Edmonton, AB by providing a loan for the Hole Academic Centre which was dedicated on May 10, 2007. The new Centre, complete with state-of-the-art technology in each classroom, will provide enough space for a growing student body for many years to come.

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CHURCH EXTENSION FUND & ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS LTD. INVESTORS



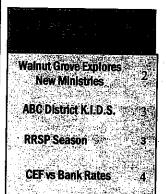


The dedication of the new building addition was held on November 4, 2007. The service was lead by Pastor Les Gierach and a delicious dinner of Ukrainian food followed.



The dedication was well attended.
This project has doubled the square footage of the building and enlarges the Worship area, the Narthex and the meeting space.





If you were going to take an extended holiday, you would probably spend a fair amount of time planning. Once you have decided where you want to go you would consult maps, brochures, maybe even enlist the services of a travel professional to help you plan your

holiday. The same should be true for your financial plan. I have heard it said that, "Canadians spend more time planning a holiday than they do planning their retirement."

Like a holiday, your financial plan will be unique to you and your family. It should be a reflection of your dreams and needs for the future. However, as unique as your plan may be there are certain elements that hold true for every financial plan.

It is important to start now! Begin by determining where you are today.

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List your assets including all sources of income, then your liabilities and obligations. This will lead you to a calculation of your net worth. The next step is to develop a monthly budget; this will give you an understanding of your spending habits and your ongoing expenses.

Now the fun part, determine where you want to go financially. Establish both short-term and long-term goals. Establishing goals gives you the ability to measure your progress, evaluate it and make appropriate changes as needed. Keep in mind that it is a marathon not a sprint.

Finally the discipline part; you have set your goals, now you

need to execute your plan so you can reach those goals. Here are a few of the actions this step should include:

Pay off higher interest debt first, and then move to the lower interest debts before you make larger contributions to investments.



- Set realistic expectations. It is a lot easier to take baby steps. Set small incremental savings goals not large unattainable ones.
- Start the practice of consistent saving right away. The monthly amount is not impor-

tant; it's the forming of the saving habit that is important.

Include in your future plans the goal of maximizing your RRSP contribution as soon as possible.

Maintaining a financial plan can be difficult at the beginning but after the results start to show, it becomes stimulating. There are a couple of books you may want to read if you are just starting out on your plan and if you're not, you may want to read them anyway.

- ✓ A Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness by Dave Ramsey
- ✓ The Automatic Millionaire by

  David Bach God's Blessings

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Executive-District Services



At Walnut Grove Lutheran Church, Langley BC, the renovations are coming along although things have slowed down a little over Christmas. Lynn Gergens and Laura Hosmer report: "We are currently anticipating that we will be able to start using our new facilities around the end of February. There are still workmen at the church every day. We see small changes but we anticipate after Christmas that the changes will be more marked. Currently the shells of the offices are up and we're



working on electricity. We have done some creative Children's Ministry without a facility but are looking forward with great anticipation to having Sunday School rooms, youth rooms, offices and some storage. We are in the midst of exploring proposals for some new ministry that might take place in our new

space. We continue to pray about those things and seek God's wisdom. We are so grateful for the loan from the Church Extension Fund and for the investors who allow the church to make use of their money in that way."





Isn't that wonderful news? This \$75,000 only reflects the dollars that were deposited in stamps and not other funds, like cheques children may have deposited for Birthdays or Christmas. The K.I.D.S. stamp program is still running strong! The unfortunate news is that consumer bankruptcies in October, 2007 were up 5.1% compared with the same month last year. Indebtedness has become a huge issue with our young generation. If we don't teach kids the ABC's of personal finance, they may be left with D and E – debt & entitlement later on. The K.I.D.S. (Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship) stamp program's primary goal is to improve good stewardship lifestyle early on. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6.

Does your congregation have a K.I.D.S. stamp program?

if not, contact us and we'll help you get started!

I'm talking about "Tax Time."
It's usually tax time that gets us thinking about RRSPs. Retirement is an important goal for all of us and many of us enjoy the opportunity to be involved in a Pension Plan through our work. This certainly doesn't negate the value of RRSPs in our retirement planning.

As you know, your RRSP allowable each year is based on 18% of your income less your pension adjustment. That means that most of us still have some RRSP room that we could use to defer income tax, avail ourselves of the power of compounding and augment our retirement savings.

ABC District Investments is a risk friendly way to invest in RRSPs and there is no better time to start than right now! You can start your RRSP account with as little as a \$25 monthly contribution withdrawn

directly from your bank account. What will \$25 a month for 10 years do? Well at only 5% interest it will grow to \$4,000. You only put in \$3,000. That's a 33% return on your money. Do it for 15



years and you will have close to \$7,000. Not much? But you have only put in \$4,500. Try \$100 a month and see the difference. RRSP "season" continues through close of business on February 29, 2008. An official receipt will be issued for any RRSP contributions received during the first 60 days of 2008 which may be filed with your 2007 tax return. The annualized rate of return on RRSP and

RRIF investments during 2007 was 5.02%.

Most importantly, with an RRSP or RRIF investment in ABC District Investments Ltd., you receive the added joy of knowing that your tax-deferred dollars are being put to work within our District congregations.

Call Candace at the District office and start your RRSP savings plan today!





#### RATE REVIEW

CEF vs. Big Five Bank Rates			
Term	Big Five	CEF	
Savings		2.50%	
90 Day	2.25-2.50%	2.90%	
180 Day	2.30-2.55%	3.10%	
1 Year	2.90-3.00%	3.50%	
2 Year	3.05%	3.75%	
3 Year*	3.15%	4.00%	
4 Year*	3.25%	4.25%	
5 Year*	3.35%	4.75%	
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Church Extension is indeed a good investment opportunity as we consider interest rates. CEF interest rates have remained consistently higher than the "Big Five" commercial banks (BMO, CIBC, Bank of Nova Scotia, TD Canada Trust and Royal Bank) over the past year.

However, more importantly an investment in Church Extension is a good investment in the ministry of the Alberta-British Columbia District. Just think about it. Your invested dollars are helping the congregations, schools and other entities share the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. What a blessing to investors of the Church Extension Fund.

Although we are still working on our website, you can still access the current interest rates and application forms. Please check occasionally for updates. Website: www.lccabc.ca - the Church Extension Fund and ABC District Investments Ltd. portion of the website is password protected. User name: 'investor' Password: 'jil' (Jesus is Lord).

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### **CEF Mission Statement**

"The mission of Church Extension is to provide opportunity for making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District."

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### **Investor News**

A Newsletter for Church Extension Fund & ABC District Investments Ltd. Investors

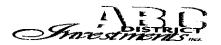
### Improvements Made to Serve You Better

The implementation of a new financial software system for Church Extension Fund and ABC District Investments Ltd. will become a reality early this fall. We are looking forward to serving our investors in an improved, efficient and secure way. The staff at the CEF office are looking forward to the challenges of learning the new system and how it will enhance our service to you.

In order to provide you with the most secure service, we are implementing a password requirement that you will be required to provide prior to any information being provided over the phone. If you have multiple accounts, with us you only need to provide <u>one</u> password for all of your accounts. In addition, we are updating the new system to ensure that we have captured all of the pertinent information required to provide you and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) with correct reporting information. Please find enclosed with this mailing an information form(s) that we require you to complete, sign and return to us. We welcome any questions that you may have about the enclosed form.

In addition to a new software system the ABC District Office will be launching a new website this fall. Check out www.lccabc.ca in early September to see the new and improved Alberta-British Columbia District website.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work on enhancements to provide our investors, congregations and church workers with more efficient service.



Be smart! Don't wait to purchase your RRSP's. Start saving today! Call and find out about an automated deposit schedule. An RRSP can help:

- Minimize the income tax you pay today
- Generate income at retirement
- Purchase a home through the federal government's Home Buyers Plan
- Finance your higher education under the Lifelong Learning Plan.

The annualized interest rate to June 2008 is 4.97%.

By investing in ABC District Investments Ltd. you're investing for the future, building churches and changing lives today.



### **CEF** Interest Rates

(Effective May 1, 2008)

Savings 2.25%

minimum \$10 investment

90 Day Term 2.40%

180 Day Term 2.60%

minimum \$5,000 investment

1 Year Term 3.00%

2 Year Term 3.25%

3 Year Term 3.50%

4 Year Term 3.75%

**5 Year Term 4.25%** 

minimum \$200 investment

3, 4 & 5 year terms over \$25,000 receive an additional 1/4% interest

### Your Investments at Work - Loan Update

As an investor you have made the projects highlighted here possible. We appreciate your support which has allowed us to partner with congregations, schools and other ministry entities in the Alberta-British Columbia District. Thank you for helping carry out the work of the Great Commission.

### Walnut Grove Lutheran Church, Langley, BC



After months of renovations, the sanctuary at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church is complete and beautiful. Projects remaining include installation of the metal roof and skylights over the sanctuary, completion of the new kitchen and landscaping at the back of the building. Building dedication is scheduled for October 5, 2008.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury, AB** was approved for a loan from Church Extension to upgrade the exterior of their church and painting of their gym. CEF was pleased to provide the congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church with the funds needed to complete their project.



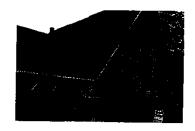


### Grace Lutheran Church, Camrose, AB

The congregation of Grace Lutheran Church is finalizing bid tenders and then will begin the renovations to their building which include installing a lift to make their building handicapped accessible. Church Extension values the partnership with this congregation.

### Trinity Lutheran Church, Golden, BC

Church Extension Fund welcomed the opportunity to help Trinity Lutheran Church congregation out with funds necessary to complete the repairs and shingling of their church building.





**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain House, AB** was recently approved for a loan from Church Extension for their building renovations which include a barrier free lift, basement insulation, re-roofing and re-shingling their building.

**Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Red Deer, AB** applied to CEF and was approved for a loan to repair the flat roof portion of their building. Church Extension is pleased to partner with Mount Calvary as they complete their building improvements.





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## INVESTOR NEWS

## YOUR INVESTMENT STATEMENT

Please be sure to note the changes on your enclosed investment statement: Interest Payments on Term Deposits - As previously announced, interest is no longer paid to an investor or compounded on December 31 (unless your anniversary date is December 31). Interest compounds on the anniversary date of the investment (unless you have provided instructions for interest to be paid out to you). It is important to note that your T5 for 2008 will only reflect the interest that has compounded or has paid out to you during the 2008 tax year. Please see the CRA Tax Return Guide for more information on claiming

interest

- 2. Interest Payments on RRSP/RRIF Accounts Interest is compounded to your RRSP/RRIF on December 31.
- 3. Interest Payments on Savings Accounts Interest is compounded to your savings account on June 30 and December 31.
- 4. Account Numbers may have changed as we converted from our old financial software system. We apologize for any confusion that this may cause.
- 5. Annual Statements we have reviewed the process and expense of sending out semi-annual statements

## FEBRUARY 2009

to all of our investors. To be good stewards of Church Extension's resources, a decision was made to discontinue the mailing of June 30 investment statements. Statements will be produced on an annual basis following December 31. You will continue to have the option of contacting us at anytime to get an account balance or upon request a statement can be provided to you by email, fax or mail.

Thank you for your continued support of Church Extension. Thank you for your patience as we strive to serve you better.

## TO OUR INVESTORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are aware that recent financial news can be troubling and may raise concerns about the impact of the current markets and events upon the financial strength of Church Extension Fund.

We would like you to know that CEF continues to maintain a strong capital position to support growth and operations to protect our investors against losses. Our position of liquidity is healthy, with an investment portfolio of \$20 million very marketable securities and an additional \$80 million plus invested throughout the District with congregations in the form of loans for land and buildings.

## Mortgage Exposure

CEF was not negatively impacted by direct investments in subprime type mortgages, the cause of many of the losses in the financial sector. In fact, with our loan portfolio – made up of loans to congregations and other ministries – we are experiencing normal repayment histories, with no foreclosures or write-offs to date and none expected in the future. We have experienced some paper losses, on advanced site real estate, due to falling property values.

However, we expect to recoup these losses as the real estate market recovers in the next few years.

#### Investments

Our portfolio of investments is well diversified. We work with outside professional financial advisors in the construction of an investment portfolio that is conservative and prudent. The market down turn has affected our investments as it has everyone's who has market exposure. Our plan calls for us to hold tight. We expect that the market will return as it has done time and time again in the past. We feel that the present financial climate will remain for the most of next year with a turnaround starting as early as in the third quarter of 2009 or possibly as late as the first quarter of 2010.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support which helps ensure that the funds and services that are now available will continue into the future. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the District Office.

One of the benefits of tough times is that they can make us take stock of our lives. We perhaps put a little more thought into what we buy, how we invest our money, where we spend our time. If you find yourself in that place when considering your investments, I would ask you to consider Church Extension Fund & ABC District Investments Ltd (RRSP/RRIF).

When you invest your money with CEF, you earn interest on your investment. At the same time, you know what your money is doing: being put to work through loans to our District Congregations, Lutheran Schools and entities to build new tools for ministry.

As CEF continues to review loan requests, our investors play a vital role in ensuring that CEF is able to fulfill all of the capital needs of our District's ministries. To find out more about how you can invest and become part of the CEF ministry, contact the CEF Office toll-free at 1.888.474.0063 (Edmonton local – 780.474.0063) or email cef@lccabc.ca.

This is just a reminder that the deadline for RRSP contributions is **Monday March 2nd**. If you would like to make a contribution that is eligible for the 2008 tax year please make arrangements to get it to us before then.

## YOUR INVESTMENTS AT WORK

ABC District congregations, entities and Lutheran schools are receiving new Gospel outreach tools because ABC District Lutherans chose to invest part of their savings in CEF. The following are two of the projects that have recently received funds from CEF to renovate their facility to accommodate their congregation and growing ministry.

Your investment dollars helped create preschool space at St. Paul



Lutheran Church, Medicine
'Hat, AB. The opportunity to
house a preschool presented
itself to the congregation of
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Medicine Hat last year. The
preschool's lease with an
existing facility terminated
and the owner needed to find a
new location. She approached

St. Paul to relocate and the congregation was able to make a few changes to the Education wing to accommodate the 'Kidsplay Preschool'. A classroom wall was removed, and storage closets were removed and replaced with storage cupboards. A partition



will also be installed to enable the rooms to be divided when necessary.

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, Surrey, BC used funds borrowed from Church Extension to do repairs to their church roof and for a new furnace. Church Extension was pleased to be able to help this congregation maintain their worship facility and show that they are taking care of the resources that God has entrusted to them.

## THE NEW TAX-FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Church Extension Fund is investigating the possibility of offering a Tax Free Savings Account to our investors. We won't be ready for the beginning of the year but hope to have an offering early in the spring of 2009. We thought it may be helpful to share some details concerning this new product to help you decide if it can work for you in your financial plan.

In the 2008 federal budget the Canadian Government introduced the Tax-Free Savings Account (IFSA). This account will present an important opportunity to Canadians. It offers the chance to save for a multitude of items or reasons—retirement, home down payment, home renovations, school tuition plus any number of other short or long term savings goals.

The mechanics of the plan are relatively simple. The TFSA is a tax exempt savings account that is available to any individual that is age 18 years and over. At this point the maximum contribution on a yearly basis is \$5,000.00 but this figure is indexed to inflation and will be increased in multiples of \$500 relative to that index. The investment earnings are not subject to income tax. Any unused TFSA contribution room can be carried forward indefinitely and amounts up to the full amount can be withdrawn at any time.

It is tempting to confuse the new TFSA with the existing RRSP program, however, unlike an RRSP the TFSA contributions are not tax deductible. So in many ways a TFSA is an RRSP in reverse. Where an RRSP allows a tax deduction for the contribution and makes all withdrawals taxable, the TFSA offers no deduction for deposits but collects no taxes of any kind on future investment returns. Stated simply, this means no taxes on withdrawals from the TFSA.

The math behind whether to choose a TFSA or an RRSP is simple. If retirement income is projected to be lower than current income, then the RRSP is the right choice. If retirement income will surpass current income then you can replace RRSP contributions with contributions to a TFSA. If your retirement income will be similar to your current income then the TFSA and the RRSP are really equivalent.

The real magic behind the TFSA is its versatility. It is not simply a tax measure for low-income Canadians. It is a vehicle that can fit almost every Canadian regardless of income or stage in life. For a senior, it provides an additional savings device free of tax. It should be an attractive channel for saving beyond the current cut-off age of 71 for RRSP contributions. As well, upon the death of a TFSA account holder, assets can be transferred to anyone tax-free

without affecting the recipient's contribution room. For high earners who find that their RRSP contributions are restricted by the current contribution limit, this can be an addition to contribution room. For all the workers that are covered by a registered pension plan the TFSA provides a way to compensate for the pension adjustment that limits RRSP contribution. In most cases the TFSA will be viewed as a companion to the RRSP in your retirement plan.

Equally important is the fact that the TFSAs flexibility makes it ideal for more immediate needs like an emergency account (that thing that all financial planners keep telling us we should have; 3 to 6 months salary put away in case of an emergency). The fact that the account can be accessed without penalty should work to limit the uneconomical practice of early RRSP withdrawal as well.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this product please feel free to contact us at the District Office.

## Your CEF Staff at the District Office to Serve You:

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## **Church Extension Fund Rates**

February 1st, 2009

Savings 2.00%

minimum \$10 investment

90 Day Term 2.00% 180 Day Term 2.00% minimum \$5,000 investment

1 Year Term 2.25%

2 Year Term 2.50%

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\*3 Year Term 2.75%
\*4 Year Term 3.00%

\*5 Year Term 3.25%

minimum \$200 investment

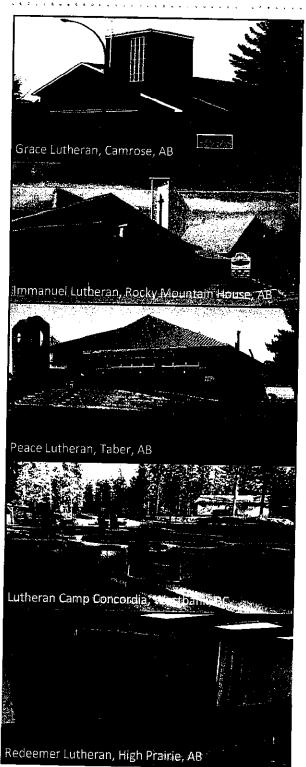
## **CEF Mission Statement:**

"The mission of Church Extension is to provide opportunity for making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District."

\* 3, 4 & 5 Year Terms over \$25,000 receive an additional 1/4%

"Building HIS church, together."

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Dear Friends in Christ,

What do the building projects on this page have in common? Each is a wonderful example of how you, as a Church Extension Fund investor, are helping churches, Lutheran schools and other ministry entities grow and reach others for Christ right here in the Alberta-British Columbia District.

Because of investment support from people like you, CEF is able to provide funds for new facilities, renovations of existing facilities and ministry expansion. There are many more ministries within the Alberta-British Columbia District that will come to us for loan funds in the months and years ahead. When you invest a portion of your blessings in CEF in an investment account (no investor has ever lost any portion of account principal or interest in the history of ABC District Church Extension – over 88 years), you know that your dollars will make a difference today and enable Church Extension Fund to continue to meet the needs of the Church tomorrow.

Thank you for being our ministry partner and for making a difference in the future of God's church! How about telling one other person about the ministry of Church Extension Fund and investment opportunities available? You make it happen, by God's grace! We pray that you have a happy and blessed 2010.

Your Alberta-British Columbia District CEF Ministry Team,

Candace Rivet, CEF / RRSP Administrator
Janice Ruf, CEF Manager
Kurt Robinson, Executive—District Services

**<u>Our Mission</u>**: "The mission of Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity for making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District."

#### **Investments Statement and Tax Documents:**

Your investment statement is included with this newsletter. These statements have been sent out directly from our statement producer and not the District Office this year. As a result of this automatic system, if you have multiple accounts with different portfolio numbers and / or require a T5, T4RSP, T4RIF or an official receipt we are not able to combine the statements and tax documents into one mailing at this time. Please accept our apologies. We are working to rectify this problem.

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## Church Extension Fund and ABC District Investments Ltd. Remain Strong over the Past Triennium

Church Extension Fund and ABC District Investments Ltd. investments provide financial opportunity for you, our investors, while helping to fund ministries to expand facilities and vision. The investment "seeds" that are planted will help others hear God's word.

We have been blessed by generous support from our loyal investors over the last several years. As a result of these efforts, we have experienced significant growth in the number of dollars placed into CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. accounts within the Alberta-British Columbia District, which have made possible additional loan dollars for the construction and renovation of facilities to share Christ with others. The following gives you an idea as to how these investment "seeds" have been planted in the past year that will lead to bountiful future ministry harvests.

## Church Extension Fund (CEF) & ABC District Investments Ltd. (RRSP/ RRIF)

	As of December 31, 2009
Total Investments - CEF	\$93,728,717.78
Total Loans & Mortgages - CEF	\$77,395,874.61
Total Investments - RRSP / RRIF	\$25,389,850.83
Total Loans & Mortgages - RRSP / RRIF	\$20,468,663.45

These results have been achieved directly from your continued investment in the ministry of CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd. **Thank you for this support!** While these investments enable many LCC Lutherans to earn favorable interest rates, they also help churches, schools and other ministry entities provide place and space for preaching the Good News. What a wonderful ministry you have helped to provide.

#### Helping You, Helping the Church

Church Extension and ABC District Investments Ltd offer a wide array of investment opportunities to help Lutheran Church-Canada, Alberta-British Columbia District members, congregations, and organizations meet their investment goals while supporting the overall mission and ministry of the Church. As an investor, you know that your dollars are helping build LCC churches, school and other ministry facilities. We know that you have unique goals for your funds, so there is a variety of investment products to help you meet those goals:

Term Investments (1—5 Year Terms available)

- Savings Accounts
- Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)
- Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP)
- Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)

Contact us today or visit our website (www.lccabc.ca) to find out more about one of the above products, interest payment options, electronic funds transfers (EFT) and current rates.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership..."

Philippians 1: 3-6

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# **CEF** Investor

A Newsletter for Church Extension Fund & ABC District Investments Ltd. Investors

## Share the Secret!

The Lord continues to bless us in our joyful service to Him and presents us with new opportunities every day. When you invest

in Church Extension Fund (CEF), you take the opportunity to not only help yourself by earning a competitive rate of return, but you help expand God's

Kingdom by providing the necessary resources for CEF to loan to churches, schools and other entities for ministry expansion. You have our permission and encouragement to share this stewardship "secret." Tell others about this simple way to increase their support to the mission of

the LCC - telling the Good News about Jesus Christ - by expanding their stewardship practices through CEF invest-

ments.
2011 marks the 90th anniversary of CEF in the Alberta-British Columbia District. We have reason to celebrate! Church Extension Fund is presently assisting 69 different projects in Alberta and British Columbia by providing funding

through either a loan or a mortgage. We are excited to hear of the plans from congregations about new building and renovation

opportunities that they are exploring. Our goal is to anticipate and be responsive to the ministry needs of the future and to continue to

provide service, resources, leadership and vision to meet those needs. We will continue to assist congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved and care for people locally and globally as we identify new and creative ministry opportunities throughout the ABC District.

"The mission of Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity for making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District."



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## Your Investments at Work

Below are a few of the projects that CEF was blessed to partner together with in 2010:

## St. John's Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia

Generally when we hear the words "risen" and "Christ" we think of the resurrection of our Lord. However, in this case it is St. John's Lutheran Church of Vernon, BC that has been raised.

Unfortunately churches like other buildings eventually begin to show the many signs of aging. The congregation was faced with a church facility that was literally sinking into the ground. What did this mean? Would they have to demolish their beloved church and build again?

The congregation decided before taking such drastic measures that they needed to fully understand the problem they were faced with. This was a long process that involved many congregational volunteers and the skills and expertise of two outside engineering organizations. Now they understood the problem, how to correct it, and what they needed to do to restore the struc-



tural stability of the building. Exterior repairs included replacing damaged pipe, increasing the size of remaining pipe, installing a rain tank, installing an irrigation system, developing shrub and tree borders, purchasing a submersible pump, and extending the current French drain. After this work was completed they would then need to complete inside repairs including: replacing sheet rock, painting, and restoring the soil in the crawl space.

All these repairs would come with a price tag. The church had already

spent a sizable amount of their funds on hiring engineers to study the problem and create a plan to solve it. With all the work to be done they looked to God for guidance as to how to proceed.

It was then that the congregation agreed that God gave them the building and it was their responsibility to be good stewards of it. They realized that we all work and toil to get ahead but none of it truly belongs to us. It is HIS and we need to treat it as such.

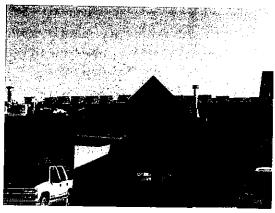
by making application to CEF to help them fund their repairs. Church Extension was pleased to respond and is providing funding necessary for this congregation to move ahead with the repairs to their building and landscaping. Special thanks for the investments of many across the ABC District that made this and other loans a reality.

## Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Calgary, AB

The most requested reason for a loan from CEF over the last couple of years has been for roof repairs and shingles. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd was no exception. After 20 years, their church building was starting to show it's age. With funding from Church Extension they were able to replace the shingles, reseal and repair cracks in their parking lot and complete repairs to their stucco. At the same time, the con-

gregation applied for and was granted a loan to purchase their property. Originally, a mission congregation when it began over 20 years ago, the congregation was in a position where it could assume the debt for their land. The Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries was pleased to be able to approve both of these loan requests for this Calgary congregation so they

can move forward and continue serving others in their community.



## First Lutheran Church , Lloydminster, Alberta

Imagine that the building you gather in, worship in, rejoice in was under attack. Imagine the security and safety of the individuals using your building was threatened. Imagine that the light you have created in your neighborhood, where all are welcomed and forgiveness is celebrated, is under risk of being dimmed. This was the place that First Lutheran Church in Lloydminster found itself after two back to

back break-ins stunned the congregation in 2008:

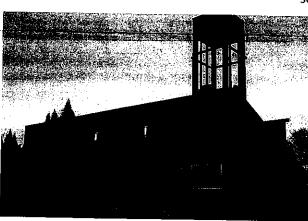
The Church's response was to appoint a committee and do a security audit of its facilities and policies. Following extensive research into the best practices of schools, businesses and institutions, the committee came forward with over 30

recommendations to enhance the safety of its property, and the users of the church. Many of the adjustments were minor procedural changes but some came with a hefty price tag and the church found itself struggling with an expenditure of over \$27,000. The need was urgent. Thieves had already discovered the building's weaknesses and were aware of the contents.

Enter the Church Extension fund. With a loan from the CEF payable over the next five years they were able to take immediate action by purchasing new doors, an alarm system and to make plans for a covered fire exit. These, along with numerous other changes, have restored safety and security to the assets of the church, the congregational members and the church-run nursery school. It has also highlighted the

fund to those in our church who have money to invest. We have promoted the fund as a safer method of helping the churches' financial needs while maintaining an independent third party (ABC District).

They are grateful for the support.



## Prince of Peace Harbour and Prince of Peace Manor, Calgary, AB

There are two new additions to the Prince of Peace Community. One of the recent additions is the Prince of Peace Harbour. Opened in April 2010, the Harbour is designed for seniors with dementia requiring special care needs. Offering 32 studio suites in a secure setting, the Harbour is operated in conjunction with Alberta Health Services and contin-

ues a strong relationship with Prince of Peace Manor for resident placement.

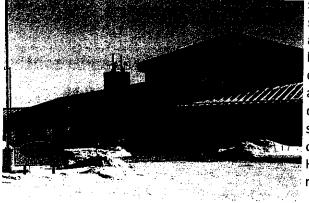
The second addition is the three storey extension to Prince of Peace Manor. Opened in July 2010, the 30

studio suites are

attached to the Manor building via a breezeway containing a bistro lounge and patio access for outdoor enjoyment. These suites are also operated in conjunction with Alberta Health Services providing residences for those seniors

assessed as needing Designated Assisted Living support.

The 184 units in Prince of Peace Manor and Harbour are known as the 'Centre of Care' providing a Christian atmosphere and loving care to many seniors in our District.



## Financial Update

Church Extension Fund Investments continued to grow throughout 2010. As investors continue to participate in this special investment ministry, our Lord is presenting many new opportunities within His Kingdom.

#### Church Extension Fund (CEF) & ABC District Investments Ltd. (RRSP/ RRIF)

<u> </u>	As of December 31, 2010
Total Investments - CEF	\$96,757,184.00
Loans & Mortgages - CEF	\$83,053,151.25
Number of CEF Accounts	7,340.00
Total Investments - RRSP / RRIF / TFSA	\$28,764,947.43
Total Loans & Mortgages - RRSP / RRIF / TFSA	\$20,277,727.51
Number of Registered Accounts	1,005

## Investments Statement and Tax Documents

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## A Unique Investment and a Unique Ministry

Thank you for permitting Church Extension to be part of your investment plans, and for your special part in this unique ministry. With Church Extension: your investment grows at an advantageous rate of return, while God's Word is spread across our District through loans to our congregations, schools and ministry facilities.

The following opportunities are available for you to participate in:

Term Investments (1—5 Year Terms) Savings Accounts

Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)

Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)

For current rates, forms and information, please visit our website (www.cef.lcc.ca), speak with your Congregational CEF Representative or contact the Church Extension Office directly at 1-888-474-0063 (Edmonton local 780-474-0063) or email cef@lccabc.ca.

Visit our New Website!

Get the latest news, towns, interest rates, etc.

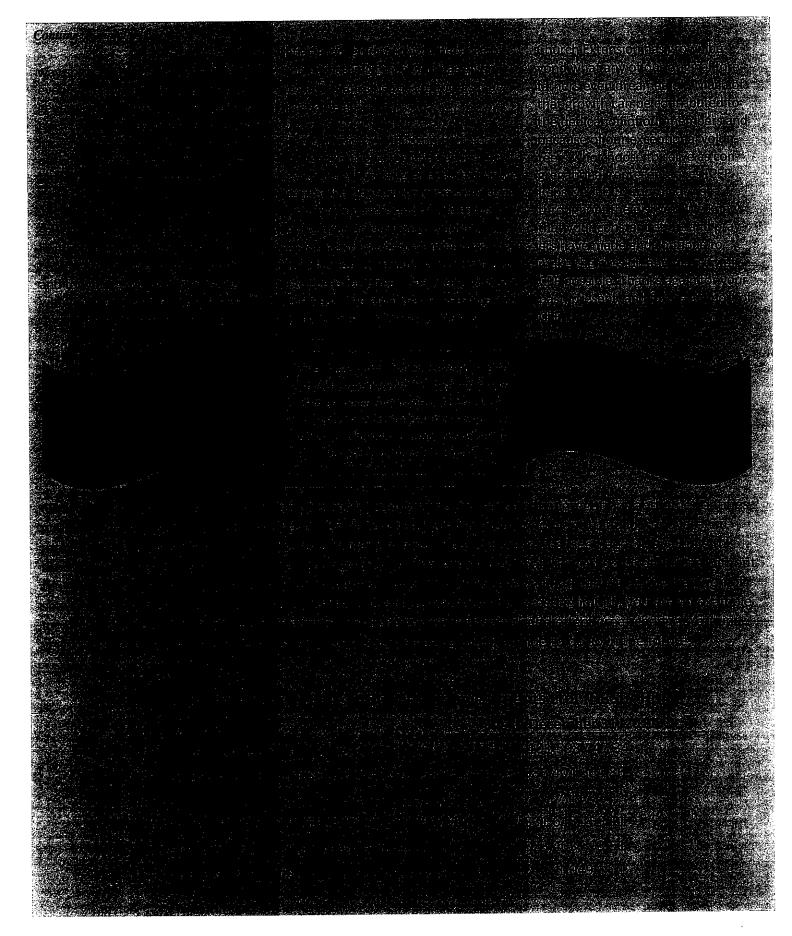
# **Church Extension Fund**



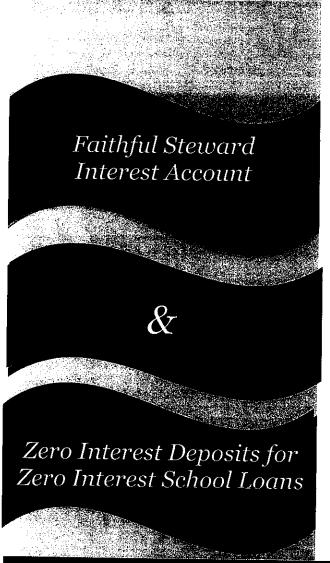


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# 90 Years of Blessings continued ...



# New opportunities



## Church Extension Fund is pleased to announce two new products:

Faithful Steward Interest Account: This account allows you to contribute all or a portion of your interest earned from a CEF account towards the principal of your Congregation's outstanding loan or mortgage with CEF / ABC District Investments Ltd or for other mission and ministry work within your Congregation or Lutheran School. You choose what percentage of the interest earned on your account that you want to donate: 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. If you are a new depositor just attach a Faithful Servant Interest Account instructional form to a CEF application when opening a CEF account or you may convert an existing account into a Faithful Servant Interest Account (note: interest rate and maturity date will remain the same as when the account was established). Depositors will receive a T5 from CEF and a tax receipt from their congregation / school.

Zero Interest Deposits for Zero Interest School Loans allows depositors to choose a term deposit that will be used specifically for a Lutheran School building, renovation or new property purchase loan. Deposits are encouraged to be left for a minimum of 5 years so that a Lutheran School can use the loan funds for an extended period of

Please note: you do not have a to have a Lutheran School with your congregation to participate. You may choose to support one of the Lutheran Schools in the ABC District that is about to begin a building / renovation project.

For additional information on these two new offerings or the products below, please do not hesitate to contact us: Savings Accounts 1.75%

Term Investments (1—5 Year Terms) 2.00% - 3.00% (Bonus 1/4% interest for 3, 4,5 year terms over \$25,000) Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) 4.50% Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) 4.50%

Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) 2.00%

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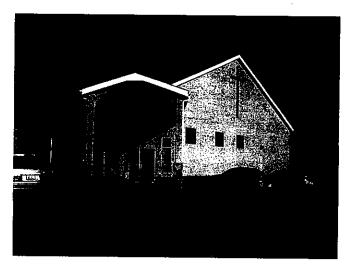
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### **Our Mission:**

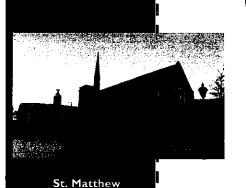
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St. John Lutheran Church, Vegreville, AB New multimedia and sound system for church

## A Unique Ministry

Through the ministry of CEF, you, your congregation and the District are actively involved in expanding God's kingdom.



Evangelical

Lutheran Church,

Stony Plain, AB

# CEF Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Yesterday: The Church Extension Fund is a ministry of the Alberta British Columbia District and was established in 1921 to provide loans to congregations. Since 1921, CEF has provided consultation and funding for many Alberta and British Columbia congregations to build and expand.

Today: More than 4,000 investors make the ABC District Church Extension Fund possible. With more than 130 million in assets today, CEF is presently assisting more than 50 congregations throughout Alberta & British Columbia with loans to help

**Tomorrow:** Our goal is to anticipate and be responsive to the ministry needs of the future; to continue to provide quality services, resources, training and leadership, and the vision to meet those needs. We will continue to assist congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved and care for people, as we identify new and creative ministry opportunities throughout our district.

### SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Church Extension Fund (CEF) & ABC District Investments Ltd. (RRSP/RRIF)

#### As of December 6, 2012

Total Investments—Savings & Terms

Loans & Mortgages with CEF Funds

Number of CEF Accounts

Total Investments—RRSP/RRIF/TFSA

Total Mortgages with ABC District Investments Ltd.

Number of Registered Accounts

\$108,538,351.27

\$85,221,032.95

6,898

\$34,350,146.04

\$23,647,906.53

1,126

#### Meet Our New / Old Staff



Janice Ruf
Senior Manager
District Services



Candace Rivet CEF Manager



Darla Hennig CEF Administrator

The faces look the same but the titles have changed. Janice Ruf has taken on more District related responsibilities, and has been promoted to Senior Manager District Services. Although she is not replaceable, Candace Rivet has taken over her position as CEF Manager. Darla Hennig, a long time District Office employee, is now working as the CEF Administrator.

### Church Extension Fund

#### **Interest Rates**

(Effective December 1, 2012)

Savings 1.00% (minimum \$10 investment)

1 Year Term 1.25%

2 Year Term 1.50%

3 Year Term 1.75%

4 Year Term 2.00%

5 Year Term 2.25 %

(minimum \$200 investment)

3, 4 & 5 year terms over \$100,000

receive an additional 0.25% interest

#### ABC District Investments Ltd.

#### **Interest Rates**

(Effective December 1, 2012)

Existing Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) 3.25%

Existing Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) 3.25%

(minimum \$100 investment)

Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) 2.00%

## **Reduction in Interest Rates**

You may be asking yourself: What is happening to the interest rates at Church Extension, why are they dropping so steadily?

We are trying to bring our interest rates in line with the policy set out by the Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries and approved by the Alberta-British Columbia Board of Directors. The policy states that 'CEF will offer no less than 0.50% above nor will it exceed by more than 1.0% the average deposit rates of a similar term and product, of the major Canadian banks as calculated each month. And that CEF rates will be posted on the first of each month to reflect this policy.' As you can see from the chart posted below, we are still not operating completely within the policy that has been set out, but we are working towards this goal... all with the aim of being able to lower our interest rates on the loans to our churches, schools and other ministry entities.

#### **Church Extension Fund/ ABC Investment Interest Rate Comparison**

Institution	Savings -	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>2 γr</u>	<u> 3 уг</u> —	<u>4 yr</u>	<u>5 yr</u>	-RRSP	RRIF-	TFSA_
Bank of Montreal	1.20	0.90	1.05	1.15	1.35	1.80	2.05	2.05	1.15
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.20	0.25	0.75	0.85	1.00	1.40	1.75	1.75	
CIBC	0.30	0.65	0.85	1.00	1.15	1.50	1.75	1.75	0.80
ATB	1.20	0.85	0.85	1.00	1.15	1.50	2.00	2.00	1.20
National Bank	0.40	0.60	0.90	0.95	1.30	1.45	1.75	1.75	
Royal Bank of Canada	0.25	1.15	1.05	1.55	1.35	1.80	2.05	2.05	1.40
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Group Average	0.76	0.73	0.91	1.08	1.22	1.58	1.89	1.89	1.14
<b>CEF/Investment Rates</b>	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	3.25	3.25	2.00
Variance + or -	0.24	0.52	0.59	0.67	0.78	0.68	1.36	1.36	0.86

## **Lutheran Foundation Canada**

When asked, CEF investors usually say they invest with CEF because of the better than average returns on investment, and they are pleased their money is being used to assist congregations with either new church construction or renovation work. Similarly, wouldn't it be great if you could reduce the amount of tax paid from your estate to Revenue Canada? Well...YOU CAN! Wouldn't it be great if you could invest your money to support the mission and ministry of the church until Christ returns? Well... YOU CAN! Lutheran Foundation Canada assists individuals who choose to re-direct money that otherwise would be paid out in tax at the time of their death, to support the mission and ministry of the church into perpetuity.

By creating an endowment with a minimum gift of \$25,000, Lutheran Foundation Canada invests the money and every year disburses a portion of the earnings to the ministries you wish to support, and reinvests a portion. You decide where and how the gift is to be used. In Alberta, a full 50% of this gift is returned to the estate as a non-refundable tax credit, and 43.7% is returned in BC. Revenue Canada is always the unwanted beneficiary in almost every estate settlement, so by creating an endowment you cut their portion in half. Call me to find out more: Allen Schellenberg, Executive Director Lutheran Foundation Canada 877-711-4438.

# Growing Strong K.I.D.S.



It is very important to teach our children Stewardship at a young age, so that they will learn this life lesson and carry it forward into adulthood. We do a disservice to our children if we do not teach them proper stewardship and make it a habit in their life.

The K.I.D.S. (Kids Into Discipleship & Stewardship) Program has adopted the principles taught in the 4 Bank System. Not only are these important principles to teach our children, but they also serve as important reminders to us & how we use all God has entrusted us with in our lives. Below is a breakdown of the 4 Bank System. For more information on how to implement this in your congregation please contact Darla Hennig by phone 1-888-474-0063 ext #116 or by email at dhennig@lccabc.ca

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

- A donation for the church. (10%)
- ◆ A K.I.D.S. Savings bank—short term savings (10%) ie. Ipod, bike etc.
- A K.I.D.S. Saving Term—long term savings (10%) ie. education, car etc.
- A spending bank—spending money (70%) ie. toy, movie etc.
- MOST IMPORTANT—REMEMBER—IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD!!!





# DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCIAL MINISTRIES DISPATCH

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries (DSFM). In the past we have provided a newsletter that focused solely on Church Extension Fund (CEF) and ABC District Investments Ltd., but we now want to expand our efforts and are providing you with information on the DSFM responsibilities and efforts. We hope this provides you, your family and your congregation with a resource that you may use in the coming months. The Alberta-British Columbia (ABC) District Board of Directors, elected at

Convention every three years, is organized into three Departments: Outreach, Parish and School Services and the Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries. The Departments are tasked with carrying out the work of the Board of Directors. The DSFM is responsible for stewardship education, finance, CEF, communications, public relations, development and ABC District Investments Ltd.

By way of this newsletter we will share with you some of the work that is being done in the AlbertaBritish Columbia District through the DSFM. Members of the DSFM are Greg Giese (Chairman), Jim Kentel, Mark Ruf, Harold Schmidt, Stan Lee, Mark Wolgram, Brian Lewis, Darla Hennig, Don Haberstock, Ron Chowne (legal advisory) and staff: Candace Rivet, Amy Thera, Jon Teschke, Kurt Robinson and Janice Ruf.

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to visit the ABC District website (www.lccabc.ca) for information on the other two Departments of the ABC Board of Directors.

## A PARTNER IN MINISTRY....HOW AND WHY IT WORKS

For over 93 years, CEF has provided loans to more than 85% of the churches, schools and ministry entities in the ABC District. Congregational members of the ABC District, with help from our CEF Reps, are encouraged to consider CEF (and / or ABC District Investments Ltd.) as a place to save some of their money. CEF not only allow members to earn a competitive return on their money, but more importantly, gives them a opportunity to live out their faith by participating in a common goal, vision and mission. By investing in CEF, our members stand together with others who share a common faith and conviction, knowing that their funds are being used to do God's work and expand His Kingdom. Communication to these members through newsletters, bulletin announcements and direct contact through their congregational CEF Representatives keep the members aware of how their deposits are assisting the ministries in the ABC District. Funds gathered are made available

for ministry entities to borrow so they can build, purchase or renovate their facility. When churches are faithful paying their loans, we in turn pay the members the interest due on their deposits and also help fund additional loans.

A unique feature about Church Extension Fund is that we are a partner in your congregation's ministry. We understand that congregational income varies and are willing to work with congregations to provide loans when needed. We will also work with them if they default on their monthly loan payments due to lower than budgeted income or a larger than expected expense. CEF sympathizes and is willing to work with congregations that are experiencing a cash flow problem or even a crisis. It is during these months that CEF relies on other congregation's loan payments to then provide the income to ensure that the depositors are still receiving their interest owed. It truly becomes a

partnership between congregations, members and CEF. Our congregations support each other in times of need, and once they are through their struggle they are then in a position to be "the good Samaritan".

CEF has been generous with the interest that it has returned to depositors over the years. We realize that it may not always be convenient to have your funds deposited with CEF as compared to simply going to your neighbourhood bank. CEF has operated with the policy of providing 1/2 1% higher interest than a comparable product at a bank and consider the higher interest rates offered to our church members as a ministry as well, which is especially important to our seniors. We realize this means that our loan rate may be slightly higher than offered at some commercial banks. However, the benefit of a higher

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Kurt Robinson, Executive Assistant District Services

#### INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

As individuals with funds deposited in CEF, you understand the importance of using God's financial blessings for the continued growth of His church. Although funds deposited with CEF are primarily used for the building and maintenance of worship facilities, the benefits go well beyond simply providing funds for construction or upgrading. For these churches serve a holy purpose, providing a place where people can hear about the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, and through Him, live in the hope and promise of everlasting life. This happens because churches are being funded by your deposits. May God be praised! Lutheran Foundation Canada would like you to think of another investment, an investment you can make

from the entirety of your worldly blessings after you've passed through heaven's gates. An investment in the future of mission and ministry, either at your home congregation, or for an organization affiliated with Lutheran Church Canada. The great thing about a gift from your estate is that it has NO impact on what your needs may be while you are still of this world. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we read, For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."(II Cor. 8:12). This verse gives us the freedom to give as we have been blessed. As such, many have chosen to structure their gift as a percentage of their entire estate, so the amount may change but it still re-

mains proportional to the total estate value. In 2013 there was just over \$12 million in pledged estate gifts, bringing the five year total up to \$30 million; future gifts to congregations, auxiliaries, seminaries, districts, listed service organizations, and LC-C. And yet, based on congregational surveys, only about 20% of LC-C's members have included a gift within their estate. Imagine the future support for mission and ministry if all God's people included an estate gift. Have you? For more information about the Foundation, go to www.lutheranfoundation.ca or call me at 1-877-711-4438. Allen Schellenberg, Executive Director

#### 2014 CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

During 2014, the ABC District Office will be undertaking an upgrade to the computer system that accounts for all savings, term, RRSP, RRIF, TFSA and loan accounts. During the year, we may be in touch with you to ensure

that we have all of your correct contact and personal tax information. This information may include your address, phone number, birthdate, social insurance number and so on. We ask for your help in providing us

this information when requested. If you are already aware that we have incomplete or incorrect information, please contact us so that we can update our records.

#### THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Church Extension Fund is blessed to have a dedicated group of volunteers keeping the mission and ministry of CEF raised and in prayer at the District's local congregations. These men

and women are what sets CEF apart from many similar ministries, and their hard work and dedication is key to the health and growth of Church Extension Fund.

If your congregation does not have a CEF Representative and it might be something that you would be interested in please contact our office.

#### STEWARDSHIP: IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD

Stewardship is one of the key functions of the people of God. It is not a once-a-year emphasis, but a year round way of life. The ABC District offers numerous resources to help your congregation conduct a stewardship emphasis that is Biblical, tied to the church year, and comprehensive in scope.

Two new Stewardship programs were sent to each congregation in our District in September. In addition, the Free and Joyous Response Initiative remains active with several congregations participating. We have also been blessed to share these materials with both the East

and Central Districts of Lutheran Church -Canada.

A list of the Stewardship resources is available on the ABC District website or by contacting Janice Ruf by phone or email (jruf@lccabc.ca).

ABC District Mission Statement: Engaging with God's people in Christ's Mission.

#### SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Church Extension Fund (CEF savings and term deposits) & ABC District Investments Ltd. (RRSP/RRIF/TFSA) 2013 statistics

#### As of December 31, 2013

\$102.5 million

\$88 million

\$37.6 million

\$20 million

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Total Deposits Savings & Terms

Loans & Mortgages with CEF Funds

Number of CEF Customers

Total Deposits RRSP/RRIF/TFSA

Mortgages with ABC District Investments Ltd.

Number of ABC District Investments Ltd. Customers

EXTENSION FUND Investments

#### **Interest Rates**

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Savings Account 1.00%

Term Deposit (1 5 Year Terms) 1.25% - 2.25%

(Bonus 1/4% interest for 3, 4,5 year terms over \$100,000.00)

Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) 3.00%

Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) 3.00%

Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) 2.00%

Thank you for your continued support of Church Extension, allowing us to be part of your saving plans, and for your special part in this ministry. With Church Extension your deposit grows at an advantageous rate of return, while God's Word is spread across our District through loans to our congregations, schools and other ministry entities. We pray that you have been blessed through your deposits in CEF and will continue to support this very special ministry.

For more information on CEF and ABC District Investments Ltd., please phone or email Candace Rivet, CEF Manager (crivet@lccabc.ca) or Darla Hennig (dhennig@lccabc.ca), CEF Administrator.

## IN TOUCH—LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Over the past few years our methods of communication have changed. We now rely on electronic communication for much of our contact with members of our congregations, church workers, and other business contacts.

To find out the latest news, call information and upcoming events locally and through the ABC District be sure to subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter "The

ABC Connect . Visit www.lccabc.ca and click on the "subscribe" link. For national, international and more district news read the print or on-line edition of The Canadian Lutheran.

The ABC District (www.lccabc.ca) and LCC (http://www.lutheranchurch-canada.ca/) websites also continue to provide additional information and re-

sources for congregations, members and church workers.

For more information on the any of the communication related items in the ABC District please do not hesitate to contact Jon Teschke, Communications Manager by phone or email (jteschke@lccabc.ca.)

#### A PARTNER IN MINISTRY....CONTINUED

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interest rate to the member in the end is also a benefit to the church. We are also making things more convenient for you through the use of electronic funds transfers (EFT) which can be used for deposits and withdrawals.

Over the past year interest rates were

reduced on our savings, terms and RRSP/RRIF deposits in order to implement our plan to reduce the current loan rates to our borrowers. This process took some time, but in August 2013 we were able to reduce the posted loan interest rate to 5.0%.

We know that we need to continue to educate our depositors and our congregations regarding the relationship and the purpose of CEF. We want to always to put the ministry first and interest rate second so that in all things God will have the glory and that we might spread His news to our communities and beyond.

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION...YOUR DEPOSITS AT WORK

Through the ministry of CEF, you, your congregation and the District are actively involved in expanding God's kingdom. Below are some of the projects that CEF is blessed to partner with:

The congregation at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beach Corner, AB is a very active place with 5 different Bible study groups, 3 youth groups, and 2 Christian fellowship groups. With this level of activity, the congregation voted to go ahead with plans to build a new facility that will meet our needs now and for the future. The new building is being designed so we can to reach out into the community, too. There is a great need for an out-of-school program that will care for many of the pupils that attend the country school across the street from the church. St. John's congregation believes that



providing this service will open doors for them into the homes of the community so that they may have an opportunity to share the Gospel. We thank God for the Church Extension Fund of the ABC District, which has made a mortgage available to us. Submitted by Rev. Roland Kubke



Let us begin with a bit of history about the current facility of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Red Deer (MCLC), AB. The present church was completed and dedicated to the glory of God on February 17, 1963. For this project our congregation received a loan of \$103,000.00 from Church Extension Fund. The mortgage for this property was burned on October 9, 1977. In 1997 this facility was expanded and received some upgrades. The total cost of this project was \$485,000.00. A loan of \$365,000.00 was approved by Church Extension Fund to assist with the costs of this project. This project is fully paid. With God's great

blessings our congregation has continued to grow and as a result, we are in a position where it has become a challenge for us to meet the mandate of our mission statement in our current facility. At a Special Voters Meeting, held on October 14, 2012, the following motion was passed by the Voters Assembly of MCLC - "We move that the congregation of MCLC endorse the building of a new facility in the future, with the planning stages to begin immediately."

At this time the New Facility Task Team is searching for land on which to build our new church, and the Capital Campaign Task Team is putting together a "Milestone Plan" to offer to the Voters of MCLC for their approval. Once this plan is in place, it is the hope of the congregation of MCLC that Church Extension Fund would assist this project with a loan to cover costs above those covered by funds raised by our Capital Campaign Task Team. Submitted by The Executive, MCLC Red Deer, AB

Hope Lutheran Christian School, Port Coquitlam, BC is growing rapidly. This coming September 2014, Hope will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. When the doors first opened, 8 students were enrolled in Kindergarten. Today, 284 students are enrolled from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Hope has turned away over 50 students each of the last three years because we have no more space. A loan from CEF will enable us to expand to purchase our second campus, build a gym, and ren-



ovate our elementary location to enable ministry to many more students. Our area is growing rapidly. With the construction of 20,000 new homes, we have people moving here in vast numbers. In order to be truly effective in ministry, we need to plan for this growth and be proactive for the sake of the gospel. Submitted by Principal Mike Schiemann

Good Shepherd Lutheran, Valleyview, AB is a congregation in the rural, industrial-based environment of Northern Alberta. Its outreach is always a concern in a setting where church life is not part of the everyday thinking of most people. In 1999, the church sponsored a senior's housing project, The Shepherd's Village, to demonstrate caring social ministry as a way of opening doors to effective ministry. Now the congregation has decided to relocate to the 43 unit housing site to be closer to that ministry and broaden its outreach potential.



But, the congregation is not interested in just building another church facility. It wants to create a structure that will be a multi-function community centre for residents and the general Valleyview community. Its welcoming setting, with carefully designed features, is intended to create greater flow of traffic in a faith-based project. For the church's identity purposes, the centre will be "The Home of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church." When the current church sells, the congregation will be asking to partner with the ministry of Church Extension Fund to create a new opportunity in Gospel outreach. Submitted by Gerry Steinke

# Exhibit "E"

> Allan A. Garber Barrister and Solicitor

#### Lutheran Church - Canada, ABC District Investments Investment Portfolio - June 30, 2001

Enclosed is an account statement for your investment with ABC District Investments Group RRIF/RRIF Fund. We appreciate your participation in the ABC District ministry! We encourage you to prudently plan for your retirement by regular RRSP contributions. You may wish to authorize an automatic deposit plan for regular deposits into your account. ABC District Investments can also accept transfers of your RPP, RRSP or RRIF funds.

Printed on the reverse side of this letter is the Investment Portfolio for ABC District Investments as of June 30, 2001. Investments within ABC District Investment Group RRSP/RRIF Fund (the "ABC District Investments") have been utilized as blessings to provide loans totalling over \$3 million to District congregations and other institutions of ministry for capital projects, such as King of kings, St. Albert, AB. The congregation of King of kings is in the midst of a fast-paced new building project located on a primary thoroughfare of the city. On March 27, 2001 the ground-breaking occurred for a new "worship and catechesis facility". Charter members of this congregation prayed about and planned for this celebration for the past ten years, and planning continues for future potential development of an elementary school and seniors' housing.

As indicated in the Investment Portfolio, ABC District Investments now total over \$3.8 million. The average annualized yield for the past six months is 7.14%, with a 1% management expense ratio, resulting in an average net yield of 6.14%. The earnings shown on your statement are based on this rate.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to your church. Your investments and your prayers are so important to the ABC District ministry. Please feel free to contact us, or refer any other interested individual, to ABC District Investments, 7100 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton, Alberta T5B 4E4; phone toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or email finances@lccabc.ca.

Joy and peace, in our Lord & Saviour,

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Susan E. Bacon Administrator

#### LCC, ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JUNE 30, 2001

CASH		Current Value	
САЗП	National Trust	4 027 000 07	
	Int. Rate for Month	1,037,882.87	
	inc. Nate for Month	4.748%	
BONDS			
	Prov. of BC Coupon	62,756.00	
	Prov. of BC Coupon	24,960.00	
LOANS			
	Redeemer, High Prairie	189,063.73	
	St. John, Williams Lake	170,780.39	
	Lord of Life, Kamloops	65,628.75	
	Bethlehem, Edmonton	342,399.98	
	First, Kelowna	133,086.17	
	Peace, Spruce Grove	11,229.95	
	Zion, Wetaskiwin	116,025.50	
	Hope, Port Coquitlam	757,234.60	
	Resurrection, Revelstoke	50,677.79	
	Trinity, Duncan	164,986.80	
	Peace, Sidney	35,030.47	
	St. Matthew, Calgary	342,025.33	
	Edmonton, Redeemer	47,673.70	
	Lloydminster, First	70,301.80	
	St. Albert, King of Kings	253,297.81	
Total	et en en en	3,875,041.64	
Average	Annualized Rate	7.14%	
Managen	nent Expense Ratio	1.00%	
Average	Net Yield	6.14%	



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January 28, 2002

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investment Ltd. If you are a new investor, or if you made an additional investment during the period March-December, 2001, also enclosed is a receipt for tax filing purposes.

On the reverse side of this letter is the 2001 portfolio of ABC District Investments Ltd. Investments now total nearly \$4.75 million – all praise to God! The average annualized yield for the past 12 months was 6.9%, with a 1% management expense ratio, resulting in an average net annualized yield in 2001 of 5.9%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$3.2 million for congregational projects, such as:

- o The congregation of King of kings, St. Albert, AB rejoiced in the dedication of their new church building on December 2, 2001. Their celebration service of thanksgiving acknowledged God's great blessings upon their congregation as they commune together in their new building and witness to members of their community through their new facilities.
- o In late fall, Redeemer, Edmonton, obtained a second loan to repair their church roof. This extra care helps preserve their worship facility, while separate loan provisions allow payoff on a schedule distinct from their mortgage loan.
- Ouring the past nine months, First Lutheran Church, Kelowna, BC extensively evaluated various locations within its community for building a new worship and ministry centre. With great trust in the Lord's guidance, congregational representative actively pursued acquisition of an ideal site to facilitate their proclamation of the Good News through worship and teaching within their community.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with family and friends, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063 or via email at finances@lccabc.ca.

In service to our Lord & Saviour,

Ted W. Ulmer Executive Assistant

#### Lutheran Church - Canada, ABC District Investments Ltd. <u>Investment Portfolio</u>



ABC District Investment Ltd. Group RRSP/RRIF funds have been utilized to provide loans to various congregations within Alberta-British Columbia District for the purchase, renovation and repair of worship and ministry facilities. The balance of the funds have been placed in secure investments until opportunity to utilize them for mortgage loans to congregations is available.

This investment portfolio statement is as of December 31, 2001. Because the amount of money in the cash position fluctuates throughout the year, the actual average yield for the year is 6.90%. The management expense ratio equalled 1.0%, leaving a net average annualized yield of 5.90%. The earnings shown on your statement are based on this rate of return.

CASH	Investment as of January 1, 2001	Investment as of December 31, 2001	Interest Rate at  December 31, 2001
National Trust	193,325.35	1,426,331.90	
BONDS			
Prov. of BC Coupon	62,756.00	62,756.00	6.47%
Prov. of BC Coupon	24,960.00	24,960.00	6.58%
LOANS			
Redeemer, High Prairie	192,833.16	184,585.23	7.0%
St. John, Williams Lake	191,352.75	159,685.19	6.75%
Lord of Life, Kamloops	76,642.44	58,942.83	7.25%
Bethlehem, Edmonton	351,523.38	335,779.47	6.75%
First, Kelowna	133,544.71	129,323.58	7.25%
Peace, Spruce Grove	12,814.51	9,649.98	7.0%
Zion, Wetaskiwin	123,665.03	107,251.93	7.0%
Hope, Port Coquitlam	771,734.07	755,112.01	7.55%
Resurrection, Revelstoke	49,099.60	52,648.05	8.0%
Trinity, Duncan	189,001.24	175,575.74	7.88%
Peace, Sidney	42,174.61	29,125.38	8.0%
St. Matthew, Calgary	397,084.29	337,127.97	8.48%
Redeemer, Edmonton	-0-	37,960.98	8.0%
First, Lloydminster	-0-	53,347.60	8.0%
King of kings, St. Albert	<b>-</b> 0-	770,218.93	8.0%
Redeemer, Edmonton		25,256.77	7.0%
Total	2,812,511.14	4,735,639.54	
Average Annualized Rate		6.90%	
Management Expense Ratio		1.0%	
Average Annualized Value for Yes	ar 2001	5.90%	



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July 2, 2002

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investment Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through June, 2002. Investments currently total over \$6.3 million with over 520 investors—all praise to God! The average net yield for the past six months is 5.6%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$4 million for congregational projects. We rejoice that ABC District Investments was able to provide financing to the congregation of Walnut Grove, Langley who, after years of worshipping in leased facilities, have moved into newly acquired premises. This former garden centre building will continue to be creatively renovated as a functional and welcoming worship facility.

We would also like to inform you that, as of July 1, 2002, Co-operative Trust Company of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, will serve as Trustee for our RRSP and RRIF Plans. Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Declaration of Trust. This change of Trustee will not affect the day-to-day operation of your RRSP/RRIF investment account with ABC District Investments.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with family and friends, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at finances@lccabc.ca.

Joy and peace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Susan E. Bacon Administrator



## **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**As of May 31, 2002

Investments within The Lutheran Church-Canada, Alberta – British Columbia District Investments, Ltd. ("ABC District Investments") RRSP and RRIF Plans are utilized to provide mortgage loans to various congregations within The Alberta – British Columbia District for the purchase, renovation, and repair of worship and ministry facilities. Funds are held in secure investments until the opportunity arises for secured loans to congregations.

Because the amount of funds held in the cash position fluctuates throughout the year, the actual average yield, along with the management expense ratio, varies slightly from month to month. The earnings shown on your statement are based on this slightly fluctuating rate of return.

<u>CASH</u> National Trust	Investment as of May 31, 2002  1,426,332	
<b>BONDS</b>		
Prov. Of BC Coupon Prov. Of BC Coupon	62,756 24,960	
<b>MORTGAGES</b>		
Redeemer, High Prairie	180,265	
St. John, Williams Lake	153,316	
Bethlehem, Edmonton	327,873	
First, Kelowna	128,477	
Peace, Spruce Grove	6,838	
Zion, Wetaskiwin	101,481	
Hope, Port Coquitlam	743,312	
Resurrection, Revelstoke	51,427	
Trinity, Duncan	146,826	
Peace, Sidney	40,712	
St. Matthew, Calgary	327,061	
Redeemer, Edmonton	22,584	
First, Lloydminster	45,588	
King of Kings, St. Albert	746,331	
Redeemer, Edmonton	23,879	
Walnut Grove, Langley	915,953	
Average Net Yield for Last Six Mon Average Management Expense Ratio for Average Net Annualized Value for	or Period	5.60% 0.51% 5.90%



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July 16, 2002

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investment Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through June, 2003. Investments currently total over \$7.9 million with over 606 investors—all praise to God! The average net yield for the past six months is 5.6%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$7.7 million for congregational projects.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with family and friends, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at <a href="mailto:finances@lccabc.ca">finances@lccabc.ca</a>.

Joy and peace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Candace Rivet Administrator

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA ABC District Investments

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	As of June 30, 2003
CASH	Current Value
Co-Operative Trust	1,852,045.19
Int. Rate for Month	3.399%
BONDS	
Prov. of BC Coupon	62,756.00
Prov. of BC Coupon	24,960.00
•	24,900.00
LOANS	
St. Paul, Medicine Hat	226,403.50
St. Matthew, Calgary	297,168.88
Zion, Wetaskiwin	84,619.19
Bethlehem, Edmonton	333,055.00
Redeemer, Edmonton	20,338.86
Bethel, Sherwood Park	1,263,526.76
Bethel, Sherwood Park	25,901.90
King of Kings, St. Albert	707,157.97
Redeemer, High Prairie	169,275.43
First, Kelowna	199,516.68
First, Kelowna	334,079.21
Trinity, Richmond	822,383.57
Trinity, Duncan	90,797.99
Our Savior, Parksville	125,846.40
Trinity, Abbotsford	114,321.99
Hope, Port Coquitlam	1,187,671.00
Faith, Surrey	340,806.96
Walnut Grove, Langley	602,041.77
Walnut Grove, Langley	255,410.31
First, Lloydminster	40,686.75
Zion, Prince George	409,734.80
St. John, Williams Lake	130,836.88
Total	9,721,342.24
Average Annualized Rate as of June 30, 2003	5.60%
Average Annualized Value for Year 2002	5.56%



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January 20, 2003

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investments Ltd. If you are a new investor, or if you made an additional investment during the period March-December, 2002, also enclosed is a receipt for tax filing purposes.

On the reverse side of this letter is the 2002 portfolio of ABC District Investments. Investments now total over \$7.64 million, an increase of nearly 60% during calendar year 2002. All praise to God! The average annualized yield compounded to your investment for the past 12 months was 5.52%, after the management expense ratio of slightly less than 1% was deducted. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return.

From an historical perspective, over the past five years, the fund has netted a 5.62% rate of return, based upon the following average net annualized returns: 1998 - 5.10%; 1999 - 5.337%; 2000 - 6.243%; 2001 - 5.90%; and 2002 - 5.52%. Through God's blessings, ABC District Investments continues to provide a steady and favourable fixed rate of return.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$7.12 million for congregational projects, such as:

- > The members of Walnut Grove, Langley, BC reach out to their community with new worship facilities by creatively remodelling and retro-fitting a former garden center.
- > The members of *Trinity, Richmond, BC* reap the benefits of a mild winter, thus far, by completing a major portion of their extensive renovation and remodelling project one which will result in new facilities for all but the sanctuary area of their church building.
- > Having been richly blessed with increased enrollment in their church school, *Hope, Port Coquitlam* currently constructs an expansion which will provide four new classrooms and much-needed educational facilities.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with family and friends, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063 or via email at <a href="mailto:freelings.com/finances@lccabc.ca">finances@lccabc.ca</a>.

In service to our Lord & Saviour,

Ted W. Ulmer Executive Assistant – District Services

For investors who reside in Manitoba, please note that your designation of beneficiary by means of a designation form will not be revoked or changed automatically by any future marriage or divorce. Should you wish to change your beneficiary in the event of a future marriage or divorce, you will have to do so by means of a new designation.

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA ABC District Investments



ABC District Investments Ltd. Group RRSP/RRIF funds have been utilized to provide loans to various congregations within the Alberta-British Columbia District for the purchase, renovations and repair of worship and ministry facilities. The balance of the funds have been placed in secure investments until opportunity to utilize them for mortgage loans to congregations is available.

#### **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

As of December 31, 2002

CASH	Current Value
Co-Operative Trust	769,744.71
BONDS	
Prov. of BC Coupon	62,756.00
Prov. of BC Coupon	24,960.00
LOANS	
Redeemer, High Prairie	173,285.99
St. John, Williams Lake	140,806.91
Bethlehem, Edmonton	319,895.35
First, Kelowna	124,867.08
Zion, Wetaskiwin	93,016.53
Hope, Port Coquitlam	810,110.21
St. Paul, Medicine Hat	391,926.45
Trinity, Duncan	136,686.25
St. Matthew, Calgary	311,261.96
Redeemer, Edmonton	7,287.76
First, Lloydminster	40,258.40
King of Kings, St. Albert	712,320.53
Redeemer, Edmonton	22,658.22
Walnut Grove, Langley	617,974.79
Walnut Grove, Langley	303,852.31
Trinity, Abbotsford	217,179.64
Bethel, Sherwood Park	1,282,132.43
Bethel, Sherwood Park	35,720.24
Our Savior, Parksville	134,663.56
Faith, Surrey	455,937.41
Zion, Prince George	433,031.50
Total	7,622,334.23
Average Annualized Rate as of December 31, 2002	5.52%
Average Annualized Value for Year 2001	5.90%



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January 19, 2004

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investment Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through December, 2003. Investments currently total over \$11.4 million with over 693 investors—all praise to God! The average annualized earnings less the management expense ratio for the past year was 5.61%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$10.8 million for congregational projects.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with fellow church members, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at finances@lccabc.ca.

Joy and peace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Candace Rivet Administrator

# LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS AS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

CASH	<b>CURRENT VALUE</b>
Co-Operative Trust Int. Rate for Month	\$ 1,220,953.92 2.829%
BONDS	
Prov. Of BC Coupon Prov. Of BC Coupon	\$ 62,756.00 \$ 24,960.00
MORTGAGE LOANS TO 18 CONGREGATIONS	\$10,117,563.29
TOTAL	\$11,426,233.21

AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RATE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 5.61%

AVERAGE ANNUALIZED VALUE FOR YEAR 2002 5.56%



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July 15, 2004

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investment Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through June, 2003. Investments currently total over \$13.1 million with over 745 investors—all praise to God! The average annualized earnings less the management expense ratio for the past six months is 5.69%. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

It is now a requirement that we have a Consent Form on file for each investor regarding our Privacy issues. Please read and sign the enclosed 'ABC District Investments Application Consent Form' and return it to our office in the enclosed envelope.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$11.95 million for congregational projects.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with fellow church members, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at finances@lccabc.ca.

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS AS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF JUNE 30, 2004

CASH	<u>CUR</u>	RENT VALUE
Co-Operative Trust Int. Rate for Month	\$ 1,	,452,654.09 1.750%
BONDS		
Prov. Of BC Coupon Prov. Of BC Coupon	\$ \$	62,756.00 24,960.00
MORTGAGE LOANS TO 19		
CONGREGATIONS	\$11	,965,360.41
TOTAL	\$13	3,431,314.23
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RATE FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2004		5.69%
AVERAGE ANNUALIZEDVALUE FOR YEAR 2	003	5.61%
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED VALUE FOR YEAR 2	2002	5.56%



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January 19, 2005

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investments Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through December, 2004. Investments currently total over \$14.5 million with approximately 800 investors—all praise to God! The average annualized earnings less the management expense ratio for the past year was 5.60%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$12.2 million for congregational projects.

Please note that effective January 1, 2005, Co-operative Trust underwent a restructuring and in the process have established a new trust company called Concentra Trust (Co-operative Trust will no longer exist). This new company (Concentra Trust) will now be the new Trustee for all of our RRSP and RRIF accounts. All of the ABC Investments Ltd. forms used for RRSP's and RRIF's have changed and the new ones have been placed on our web site. Please do not use any old forms you may have, if they have Co-operative Trust's name on them they are now void.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with fellow church members, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at <a href="mailto:finances@lccabc.ca">finances@lccabc.ca</a>.

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS AS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

CASH	CUR	RENT VALUE
Co-Operative Trust Int. Rate for Month	\$ 1,	,918,133.23 2.000%
BONDS		
Prov. Of BC Coupon Prov. Of BC Coupon	\$ \$	62,756.00 24,960.00
MORTGAGE LOANS TO 20		
CONGREGATIONS	\$ 12,756,448.65	
TOTAL	\$1	4,691,943.33
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RATE FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2004		5.60%
AVERAGE ANNUALIZEDVALUE FOR YEAR 2003		5.61%
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED VALUE FOR YEAR 2002		5.56%



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July 15, 2005

#### Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investments Ltd. On the reverse side of this letter is an investment portfolio for the period January through June, 2005. Investments currently total over \$16.6 million with approximately 800 investors—all praise to God! The average annualized earnings less the management expense ratio for the past six months was 5.22%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$11.7 million for congregational projects.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with fellow church members, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at <a href="mailto:crivet@lccabc.ca">crivet@lccabc.ca</a>.

Joy and peace, in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Candace Rivet Administrator

# LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA ABC DISTRICT INVESTMENTS LTD. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

	CURRENT VALUE
CASH	\$ 3,467,921.93
INVESTMENTS	\$1,454,605.63
CONGREGATIONAL LOANS	\$11,767,089.83
TOTAL	\$ 16,689.617.39
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RATE FOR	5 22 0
JANUARY TO JUNE 2005	5.22%
AVERAGE ANNUALIZEDVALUE FOR YEAR 2004	

**AVERAGE ANNUALIZED VALUE FOR YEAR 2003** 

5.61%



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January 20, 2006

Dear Investor:

Enclosed is a statement of your RRSP/RRIF account with ABC District Investments Ltd. Investments currently total over \$17.3 million with over 800 investors— all praise to God! The average annualized earnings less the management expense ratio for the past year was 5.18%. The earnings shown on your statement were based on this rate of return. A copy of our audited financial statement is available upon request.

Your commitment of "Investing for a Purpose – for the Present and the Future" has enabled ABC District Investments to provide loans totalling over \$14 million for congregational projects.

Thank you for your special part in enabling ABC District Investments to be a blessing to our church. Please share this investment opportunity with fellow church members, so the joy of sharing the Gospel may be experienced by others as well. If you have any questions regarding your investments, please feel free to contact us at any time toll-free 1-888-474-0063, or via email at <u>finances@lccabc.ca</u>.

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# Exhibit "F"

April 21, 2015

Deloitte Restructuring Inc. #700, 850 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 0R8

Attention: Vanessa Allen

Re: Summary notes on Marketing Materials (CEF and DIL)

Dear Ms. Allen,

Received

This is Exhibit \* F \* referred to in the

Georg Beinert
Swom before me this 3 day

A Notary Public, A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta

Allan A. Garber

A.D., 20 16...

As per our conversation (March 27<sup>th</sup>), I am providing you with my summary notes on items that I believe to be significant points of interest that should be considered in view of the CEF financial crisis. This information is provided in forward chronology so that you might follow the path of trust that I (as well as other investors, I am sure) followed in making investment decisions. I provide you with the title of the marketing publication, along with my comments on specific content that I believe to be relevant in this situation.

I apologize for the time that it has taken for me to prepare this information. It is my hope that my efforts are helpful to this process. As agreed in our telephone conversation, please RETURN THESE MATERIALS TO ME when you are done with them.

\*\*Please note that the Church Extension newsletter dated June 17, 2002 has my name and account number on it. Please cover or otherwise block out my name and account number when you copy this item (leaving my copy intact). Also, the February 15, 2001 reply letter has my name and an old address on it. Some of the other mailed items may also have my name and old address on them. Were needed, for the sake of anonymity, please block out this information on your copy (leaving my copy intact). Thank you.

The enclosed bundle of materials is separated into three groups, as follows:

- 1. LCC-ABC District Mailings and Marketing Materials
- 2. DIL Marketing Materials
- 3. CEF Marketing Materials

My comments are listed under each group section in the summary pages that follow this cover letter. I add some concluding comments at the end of this document. I have separated this cover letter from the summary so that anonymity can be maintained, if needed. Thank you for your participation in this process.

Georg Beinert

Summary comments follow.

LCC-ABC, DIL, CEF marketing materials are enclosed.

### LCC-ABC District Mailings and Marketing Materials:

### February 15, 2001 reply letter

Reply letter from Susan E. Bacon, Administrator

In the first paragraph, the writer addresses my telephone question regarding the secure and insured nature of possible investments in the district. The essence of the reply is that, although the deposits are not insured, the deposits are secure because the District has enough assets to restore funds to the investor in the unlikely event of a financial crisis. The distinct impression that I was given was that the District had all the churches in the district as assets that could be used in a liquidation scenario. (And I do believe that I specifically posed this question and was told that my understanding was correct.) I was also told that this scenario was most unlikely because the fund had never had a problem in 80 years of operation.

Enclosure: Secure Investment? By Ted W. Ulmer

- "...Church Extension is one of the safest investments you can make."
- "...no one has ever lost a penny in Church Extension."
- "Your investment in Church Extension is guaranteed by the ABC District of Lutheran Church Canada..."
- "The guarantee of the church is much more certain than the guarantee of a government..."
- "... No congregation has ever defaulted on its loan."
- "The Department of Stewardship and Financial Services, which is responsible for the Church Extension ministry, ensures that Church Extension operates in a fashion that provides the highest degree of protection for the investors' dollars. The members of this Department include a chartered accountant and a lawyer."

These statements, if true, indicate that investments within LCC ABC District Church Extension are safe and secure investments. With this, and other information, I believe that I had satisfied my questions about the safety and security of my investments before making such investments. In view of the CEF crisis, I am wondering if this information was true at the time that I made my investments. Also, were 'other entities' (i.e. Prince of Peace properties) in the mix of loans excluded when making the comment that 'no congregation has ever defaulted on its loan'?

### Announcing 7 for 7 for 7 (investment opportunity flyer)

List: The Joys of Investing in Church Extension

"Safe and secure, with financial backing of LCC, Alberta-British Columbia District"
This statement gave me the impression that CEF investments were 'safe, secure, backed' investments.

## List: CONDITIONS OF INVESTMENT

"9. Church Extension will use the principal sum of investments to provide assistance in the mission and ministry of congregations and agencies of Lutheran Church – Canada ...through loans ... (and) careful reinvestment of surplus funds." This statement gave me the impression that CEF investments were being used PREDOMINANTLY in the expansion of church congregations (with 'agencies' being assumed to be District activities and missions). In view of the CEF crisis, was this really the actual intent (of the 'use of investment dollars') in this solicitation for more investment dollars?

# answers to your questions ... reaching out with interest Church Extension

List: Questions & Answers ("Is My Investment Safe")

"Your investment in Church Extension is probably safer than in any commercial financial institution. ... Your investment is guaranteed by the Church." These statements are bold statements. When made by a group that I would consider to be trustworthy in all things, I am compelled to have confidence in such an investment. Printed and written statements like these (made by a church entity) caused me to believe that my choice of investment vehicle was reasonably wise.

Mini-ad: ... a unique way to SAVE & SERVE

"Have you considered a guaranteed financial investment...?" This statement gives the impression that CEF investments are 'guaranteed'.

# Annual Report 2000 making a difference

This annual report was the first that I had received shortly after my initial investments with LCC-ABC District. I provide this report for your information. As addressed later in this summary, it is unclear if the listed projects are part of CEF or part of DIL. The distinction is not made here. This report also contains lists of names that may be of interest in this situation.

# December 5, 2001 (letter to new investor)

Third paragraph:

"The Lord has set quite a challenge before us: we are currently aware of potential projects ... (which) may involve over \$10.5 million." This statement gives the impression of an urgent need for exciting new church growth projects that congregations will not be able to undertake without added investor dollars. In view of the CEF crisis, was this

statement made to solicit investment dollars for the purpose of propping up a failing investment (namely Prince of Peace properties)?

## Annual Report 2001 making a difference

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## **DIL Marketing Materials:**

I have included all the DIL materials that I had received. These are being provided to you so that you might evaluate their content, especially for possible 'overlaps' between projects being listed in both DIL and CEF. The DIL materials have different signatures than those of the nearly-identical CEF materials. As these materials would arrive in separate envelopes and from seemingly 'different' sources, it was not easily apparent that items were overlapping. I elaborate on some of the 'overlaps' in the first three items under 'CEF Marketing Materials'.

Also, please note that, after January 2006, the mailings from the LCC-ABC District were no longer coming in two separate mailings and letters. My impression was that the mailings were combined, coming from the same physical office, thereby streamlining communications to investors. In view of the CEF crisis, I believe that this 'streamlining' made it even more difficult for investors to distinguish between DIL and CEF investment portfolios.

## **CEF Marketing Materials:**

January 24, 2002 Church Extension (newsletter)

Third paragraph: Church Extension: ...projects

Two of the five project examples are identical to those listed in the 'District Investments Ltd.' Newsletter of the same date. Which fund (CEF or DIL) was making funds available to these identical projects? Did these projects draw loans from both CEF and DIL at the same time? This was not apparent when I first read the newsletters, but in view of the CEF crisis, and my subsequent review of the newsletters, I see this as an overlap of some sort. Why are these projects listed in BOTH funds? Are these projects listed in CEF to give an impression of numbers and diversification?

#### Fourth paragraph:

"These projects are merely a sampling ..." This phrase, especially the word 'merely', gives the impression that there are a large number of projects being funded by CEF. Was this actually the case?

#### June 17, 2002 Church Extension (newsletter)

Third paragraph: list of projects

Three of the five project examples are identical to those listed in the 'District Investments Ltd.' Newsletter of approximately the same date (i.e. May 2002). Which fund (CEF or DIL) was making funds available to these identical projects? Did these projects draw loans from both CEF and DIL at the same time? This was not apparent when I first read the newsletters, but in view of the CEF crisis, and my subsequent review of the newsletters, I see this as an overlap of some sort. Why are these projects listed in BOTH funds? Are these projects listed in CEF to give an impression of numbers and diversification?

## January 20, 2003 Church Extension (newsletter)

Third paragraph: Church Extension: ...projects

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#### July 2003 Church Extension Fund (newsletter)

Graph: \$ Loans to Congregations

The name of this graph "Loans to Congregations" leads me to believe that church congregations are the recipients of these CEF loan amounts. In hindsight, what is confusing about this, is: does this amount (\$47 million) reflect only CEF loans, or does it include DIL loans? How does Prince of Peace properties factor into this, as it is not a congregation. Details of Prince of Peace remain absent from the details.

#### January 2005 Church Extension Fund (newsletter)

No comments

#### July 2006 Investor News

Article: Entering an Anniversary Year – Building on your Faithfulness

"We have 5 congregations currently drawing on approved loans and 14 congregations in the process of completing loan application ... Do we need new investments? Absolutely! CEF wants to be able to say 'yes' to those congregations that ask for our help." On an initial quick-read, these phrases give the impression that there is growth and a need for more investments. This 'solicitation' for more investments quickly overshadows the (hindsight?) realization that the \$76 million are loaned to the '5 congregations'. (\$76 million divided by 5 is an average of over \$15 million per congregation. These would constitute exceptionally large loans.) But is this really the case. It is not clear how the \$76 million are distributed – and in which fund, CEF or DIL. On the forefront is the request for more investment dollars, because there is an excited need for them. In view of the CEF crisis, was this a call for extra dollars to prop up something that was failing?

#### January 2007 Investor News

Article: Church Extension Fund – 1921-2006

"... CEF is presently assisting over 60 congregations, schools and entities ... to help expand the Kingdom." I think that this is the kind of statement that a CEF investor would be pleased to hear. Yet, in hindsight, I am left wondering if this statement is actually true. Which are the '60 congregations' that are being assisted? The implication is that over 60 congregations (etc.) have accessed loan funds from CEF. I am now starting to think that this phrase might mean that some congregations were being 'assisted', not by loans, but by savings options and interest earned on those deposits within CEF. This would be very misleading to the reader (me, the investor), causing one to think that there was a large and broad mix in the portfolio. Please note my next point:

Article: Financial Update: Investments and Loans

"Three loans are currently being drawn on ..." This does not match the statement that 'CEF is presently assisting over 60 congregations. I did not see this incongruity until I reviewed these materials in light of the CEF crisis. The statement from this previous article comfortingly overshadows the 'reality' of this latter statement. Which statement is correct? Is there a hidden purpose in the phrasing of the first statement?

#### June 2007 Investor News

Article: Do your investments reflect your values?

"When you invest with CEF your money is used to build churches." This does reflect part of my values, and it reflects the intent of my investments with CEF. In view of the CEF crisis, I see that the CEF portfolio was heavily loaded, contrary to this statement. No financial information is given in this newsletter, and all examples given are those of churches or church-related schools. Prince of Peace properties was not mentioned nor inferred.

#### January 2008 Investor News

Article on the last page: (no title)

"Church Extension is indeed a good investment opportunity... Your invested dollars are helping ... share the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people." This statement gave me confidence that the fund was being managed properly for the stated purpose.

No 'financial' information about CEF or DIL was given in this newsletter.

#### June 2008 Investor News

Article: Your Investment at Work - Loan Update

The examples given all indicate or imply that CEF was directly involved. In view of the CEF crisis, I would like to know if these were actually CEF loans or if they were DIL projects. I believe that the distinction is important if investors were to be able to perceive the true working of their investments. It is notable that Prince of Peace properties is absent from the list, especially considering the 'size' of its involvement in the CEF.

No 'financial' information is given about either CEF or DIL in this newletter.

#### February 2009 INVESTOR NEWS

## Article: To Our Investors and Supporters

"We would like you to know that CEF continues to maintain a strong capital position to ... protect our investors against losses. Our position of liquidity is healthy, with an investment portfolio of \$20 million very marketable securities and an additional \$80 million plus invested throughout the District with congregations in the form of loans for land and buildings." These statements build confidence. But are they a true and fair representation of the actual situation? Were the '\$20 million very marketable securities' made up of the DIL portfolio content? Were the '\$80 million plus' largely made up of Prince of Peace properties – and NOT so much 'congregations' – as is implied by the phrase? Also, the statement "Our portfolio of investments is well diversified. We work with outside professional financial advisors in the construction of an investment portfolio that is conservative and prudent." builds further confidence that the CEF is being managed and positioned well. In view of the CEF crisis, what is meant by 'well diversified'?

Note: CEF Mission Statement:

"The mission of Church Extension is to provide opportunity for making funds and service available in the support of the Great Commission ..." The Great Commission is about church growth and discipleship. This is the premise from which I (and other investors) would make investments in CEF. Were the managers of CEF implying that 'Great Commission' projects made up the majority of the fund when the opposite (elder and health services) was actually the case? No mention was made of Prince of Peace properties.

# January 2010 Newsletter (No official title)

Opening Letter: Dear Friends in Christ,

"no investor has ever lost any portion of account principal or interest in the history of ABC District Church Extension – over 88 years" This letter, lined with pictures and names of churches (but no statements of how CEF might be involved with them), gives confidence to the investor that the investments are 'safe and secure' and that the portfolio content is made up largely of churches. But was this really the case?

Article: Church Extension Fund and ABC District Investments Ltd. Remain Strong over the Past Triennium

This title is a statement that helps to instill confidence in the investor. The words of the article give the investor a sense that the fund is growing and that the fund is being used to enable "preaching the Good News". Numbers listed in the article imply that a modest cash margin is in place. The title words "... Remain Strong ..." cause me to give no concern to the content of each portfolio, as I give fiduciary trust to the managers when such statements are made. In hindsight, were these investments truly 'Strong'?

#### January 2011 CEF Investor

Article: Share the Secret!

"Church Extension Fund is presently assisting 69 different projects ..." This statement, together with a prior statement that refers to 'ministry expansion', gives the impression that the CEF has a broad content in its portfolio. Such a statement adds comfort to the investor that 'all is going as it is supposed to go'. But was this really the case? Where is the line drawn between CEF and DIL? This phrase refers specifically to 'Church Extension Fund'. But are the '69 different projects' being drawn from the DIL portfolio? Where were these '69 different projects'? More so, WERE there '69 different projects'?

Article: Your Investments at Work

Three of the four examples give clear indication about how CEF funds are being used for ministry projects and improvements. The example of Prince of Peace properties provides information about facility openings, but does not give any information about its status or health within the CEF. In hindsight, this article appears to me as a token reference about Prince of Peace properties without giving indication of the financial reality.

## January 2012 Church Extension Fund Annual Newsletter

Article: New opportunities

I would like to know if the "Zero Interest School Loans" were fully backed by 'Zero Interest Deposits'. If they were not, (as a point of hindsight) then I believe that the interests of the general investors were compromised.

Article: Your Investments at Work

The fourth 'example' continues to be puzzling to me. It appears that the CEF fund managers are using <u>my</u> savings to prop up their own retirement savings plan. This, in my mind, is effectively taking (without asking me) my savings and saying that it is given toward their retirement savings benefit. While they are to 'repay' this 'top-up loan' in ten years, I would like to know what the conditions and assets are surrounding this loan.

The first 'example' is not of a loan 'at work', but rather of a loan that was failing. While it is good to learn of a congregation that is being accountable to its loan commitment, the wording of this example is vague in this respect.

The fifth 'example' (the "re-financing an existing loan") for Prince of Peace Christian Community sounds like a progressive move similar to negotiating a better interest rate on a loan. The details, in this article, about Prince of Peace give the impression that this is a

very vibrant community, leaving the investor with a positive feeling about this part of the CEF portfolio. In view of the CEF crisis, I am left wondering what the nature and magnitude of this 're-financing' was. Was this example written in a way to prevent investor concern over a problem that was out-of-control?

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Article: CEF Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

"With more than 130 million in assets today, CEF is presently assisting more than 50 congregations ..." These words give the impression that the CEF fund value is made up of loans with asset values in over 50 congregations. Firstly, there is no distinction made between CEF and DIL (they are 'mixed together' in the \$130M). There is also, then, no distinction made about 'which' fund is assisting 'how many' congregations. In view of the CEF crisis, it appears to me that CEF has next to NO loans to congregations and that the majority of the loans to congregations is held by DIL. Also, I am left wondering if the "more than 50 congregations" was, in fact, an accurate number – or was this a creative statement to give the investor (false) confidence. There is also no mention made of the loan to Prince of Peace properties.

# January 2014 Department of Stewardship and Financial Ministries Dispatch

Article: A PARTNER IN MINISTRY ... HOW AND WHY IT WORKS

This title HOW AND WHY IT WORKS immediately gives the impression that things are working well.

"By investing in CEF ... members stand together ... knowing that their funds are being used to do God's work and expand His Kingdom". These words lead me to believe that the investments of CEF are being used to expand Church growth, which is the intent of my investment choice. The article goes on to suggest that the 'partnership between congregations' is working well. In view of the crisis, I notice that no mention is made of the lack of suitable 'church extension' activities, nor the problem of insolvent debt.

Section: SUPPORTING THE MISSION

The difference between \$102.5 million and \$88 million suggests a 16% cash margin in the fund. This appeared to be within the normal (although tight) range that the fund managers had set as a target margin (historically). It also suggests that the 'high' level of loans & mortgages were the drivers behind the higher interest being generated for the investors. When viewed together with information from the other articles in this newsletter, the assumption that the investor is left with is that the \$88 million represents a wide spectrum of loans that have a relatively equal asset value. In this crisis, it is obvious that theses amounts represent largely 'one' loan which was grossly illiquid.

This section ends with the words "your deposit grows at an advantageous rate of return, while God's Word is spread across our District through loans to our congregations, schools ... We pray that you ... will continue to support this very special ministry." Again, these words add a comfort level to the investor, suggesting that the fund operations are progressive and effective.

#### Article: UNDER CONSTRUCTION ... YOUR DEPOSITS AT WORK

Unless an investor takes the time to thoroughly read the details of each project, this article leaves the impression that these projects are a sampling of CEF loans due to the initial statement of "Below are some of the projects that CEF is blessed to partner with:" This article, at first glance, appears to give four examples of CEF loans 'at work'. When reviewed more closely, it is only the first article that actually shows a direct link to a CEF loan. The remaining three articles are merely future 'possibilities'. Once again, any mention of the loan to Prince of Peace properties is absent.

#### Concluding remarks:

The vague and abstract statements of 'loans to congregations', coupled with the essentially complete absence of details about Prince of Peace property particulars, leaves me with the impression that fund managers did not want investors to know about the reality of the CEF health. It also appears to me that this 'avoidance' of accurate disclosure was going on for the better part of 15 years (or longer!). Instead of tackling the reality of the decaying financial situation, it appears to me that a choice was made to 'sell' the fund to investors by giving the impression that 'all is well' and that 'many congregations' were being enabled to carry out the goal of 'the great commission' through the work of this fund. The reality, in hindsight, is just the opposite.

Was the information that was being forwarded in the newsletters, etc. correct, or was it designed to instill a (false?) confidence in the fund, thereby drawing more investor dollars into something that was clearly failing and should have been stopped over 15 years ago? Having made a review of these publications, I believe that the information had become increasingly unclear over the past 10 years. I am now left questioning the accuracy and honesty of the information that I received over the last 15 years.

Considering the repeated boastful statements – that these investments were 'safe, secure, guaranteed, and backed by the Lutheran Church Canada' and that the investors have the "full faith and assurance of the Lutheran Church Canada" as "assurance for our investments", I believe that the LCC-ABC District and its directors and officers (and the Synod?) need to be held accountable for such statements, especially in light of how these funds were managed. I believe that the Lutheran Church Canada needs to be held accountable, to return the full value of investments to its investors, even if it means the liquidation of many viable church properties in its jurisdictions. I believe that this could be done through a voluntary liquidation / restructuring process, or failing that, through a court order.

# Exhibit "G"

March 15, 2016

This is Exhibit \* G \* referred to in the Affidavit of Georg Beinert Sworn before me this ubjic, A Commissioner for Oattis in and for the Province of Alberta

Dear Honourable Madam Justice Romaine,

Allan A. Garber

Please forgive and pardon me if I write to you presumptuously. I have never been inside a court room, and I have never needed to stand before a Judge. Therefore, I am also unfamiliar with the correct etiquette that should be followed as I approach you in this letter. Again, please forgive me.

I write the following, trusting that I will not be bringing legal injury or harm to myself in doing so. I am not versed in the legal wording and ways of the courts. Even so, I do feel that I need to raise my voice, as an ordinary citizen, for equity and justice to be served, as I believe that equity and justice are being lost in the 'legal' proceedings of some courts.

I write to you, to ask that you intervene and make a judgment to end the CCAA protection that is offered to the Applicants in the case of the Lutheran Church Canada -Alberta British Columbia District (LCC-ABC).

I realize that this is a bold request as it would likely be setting a precedent if you were to grant favor to this request. Yet, I believe that there is sufficient and compelling reason to do so, as it would enable truth to be revealed, fairness to be distributed, and justice to be served.

I hope that you will find merit in what I write to you. I write these statements from a position of my own understanding, belief, perceptions and convictions, and I am sure that these would be found to be supported by fact - if only there were opportunity to expose the truth

Unlike other CCAA proceedings, the case of the LCC-ABC is not a case where a business has run into difficulties through its natural course of business. CCAA protection would certainly be an understandable route to take in such instance.

Instead, in the case of the LCC-ABC, I believe that there is much evidence that reveals that the Applicants have used the cloak of Christian values and Christian ministry, and have constructed a deceptive method of soliciting funds from trusting people. These trusting people have been led to believe that their investments were serving the purposes that aligned with their personal beliefs and convictions.

Evidence shows that the LCC-ABC financial involvements were, for the most part, grossly contradictory to what the LCC-ABC had claimed to be as their guiding principles when supposedly exercising stewardship over their investor's funds. (I have documents that I believe are compelling evidence of what I claim here.)

Investors were regularly persuaded to believe that funds were being used for Christian ministry expansion, and that more funds were needed.

I believe that the LCC-ABC's application for CCAA protection was not much more than an effort to gain time so that the Applicants could find a way, not to find greatest value for the investor, but rather to find a way to hide or obscure facts and provide a way to avoid the full and proper consequences of their doings.

The Applicant and Monitor have suggested that efforts are made to maximize the return to the investor through the CCAA process as (per their suggestion) less return would be realized through prompt liquidation. This is a contradiction, as prompt liquidation is taking place within the CCAA process, but the proceeds are being consumed by the processes that are at work, trying to afford more protection to the Applicant. The proceeds from liquidation rightfully belong to the investors.

The most recent 'Amended Amended Plan' (AAP) which the Applicants have submitted surely gives evidence that the ongoing CCAA protection is only serving to increasingly prejudice and injure the investors, and to bind them into this severe injury, with no hope of reasonable recovery.

The AAP appears to have become an instrument by which the applicants are seeking to unload their misdeeds, thereby burdening the significant investors with the problems of the failures that the Applicants have been unwilling to appropriately admit to, and be responsible for.

The AAP is highly un-equitable and therefore also very unfair, as it provides for total recovery for some (those, many, with very small investments) while providing a dubious instrument as a token of 'return' to those who have large investments. I am opposed to this concept of exchanging 'shares' in a failed capital asset, one with an historical and ongoing failing business performance, as being a 'fair' return for the reasonably liquid and very conservative cash deposits that I had made in the Church Extension Fund of the LCC-ABC.

The AAP is also clearly an instrument that gives no realistic option to the investors to seek alternative options of recovery. Any further action that 'might' be considered is severely constrained by other voices and processes and does not allow for individual investors to seek out what they believe to be the best way forward. I believe that the AAP is a dictatorial document and a constraining document, rather than the vehicle of fairness and options that the Applicants had begged the investor's patience for.

Also, I am aware that the Applicants and their supporters have used religious pretexts to try to persuade investors to avoid any form of class litigation and, instead, to suffer losses as part of the process of being faithful to the Church.

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deposits with CEF were "excellent investments ... totally safe". (I have 15 years participation with CEF and DIL, and I have always done my due diligence. I was satisfied with the information that I received, not having any reason to suspect any level of risk. Now, I believe that I was completely deceived by empty words - both spoken and written. I am not an ignorant or uneducated man.)

It has been more than one year, now, that this injury rests upon us. I have had to step out of my dream for early retirement. I have had to reconsider re-entering employment. My work opportunities are very limited, and I have no 'secure' work options. I married late in life, therefore I have a young family. I have a wonderful wife (who is joint account holder in our CEF deposits) and 5 bright and lovely children (ages 7, 10, 12, 14, 16). We enjoy a simpler life. Due to the LCC-ABC circumstance, we have had to start over again in our savings. This situation has been devastating, not just for seniors, but also for us.

Trying to ask for truth and justice in this circumstance is like trying to oppose troops of giants. I really can not afford a lawyer. I have a family to feed, and I have no margin for

I write this, not to elicit pity from you, but rather, to describe that this crisis is very real and very devastating to many. We have waited patiently. I feel that now is the time for me to speak out, before any further hope is lost.

In summary:

I believe that the Applicants are using the CCAA protection to the detriment of the investors.

I believe that the Monitor has failed this process both in principle and in practice. I believe that there is sufficient evidence of past deliberate deception and current lack of good faith, that this case should not receive further CCAA protection.

I understand that the court seeks to expose facts and therefore can not act on 'belief'. Even so, I use the word 'believe', not as an expression of feeling or sentiment, but rather as an expression of full conviction that these things would be found to be true - if only given opportunity through a full process that is not concealed and protected within the CCAA proceedings.

Therefore I ask that the CCAA protection be removed from the Applicants.

I lay this request before you, with highest respect for your position. I also bow in the presence of an Almighty and loving God, praying that He gives you all wisdom as you give consideration to my request.

Most sincerely and respectfully yours, Georg Beinert Juny Seine t